

ILLINOIS YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

ANNUAL FOUR-DAY SESSIONS OPEN IN COMPATIBILITY, WHERE POSSIBLE,
WITH THE SCHEDULING OF WESTERN AND IOWA CONSERVATIVE YEARLY
MEETINGS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CONTINUING COMMITTEE

2003 Sessions will be held from 7/30/03 to 8/3/03

on Quaker Lane near McNabb, Illinois
at the Yearly Meetinghouse

2002

YEARLY MEETING OFFICERS 2002–2003

Presiding Clerk: Margaret Katranides Recording Clerk: Beth Schobernd Reading Clerk: Carol Zimmerman Assistant Clerk: Maurine Pyle

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ILLINOIS YEARLY MEETING 2002

Blue River Quarterly

B-N	CC	Co	De	P-G	St.L	SoI	U-C	
								Members & Att
								Average
5	12	20	5	5	53	8	16	Adults
3	1	1	0	0	6	5	3	Under 18 years
								Membership Sta
6	28	18	4	6	60	7	25	Resident Adult M
6	0	1	0	0	8	3	4	Resident Young
3	33	27	8	2	56	0	27	Non-Resident A
1	1	1	1	0	11	0	6	Non-Resident Y
16	62	47	13	8	135	10	62	TO
9	61	45	12	8	116	8	52	Total Adult Mem
7	1	2	1	0	19	3	10	Total Young Fri
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0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	By Birth or Ado
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2	1	0	3	0	1	0	3	TO

SUMMARY

Blue River Quarterly	353
Metropolitan Chicago	633
Wisconsin	<u>91</u>
TOTAL	1077

NUMERICAL STRENGTH CHART

	Metropolitan Chicago											Wisconsin		TOTALS
	DK	DG*	Du	Ev*	57*	LF	McH	NoS	OaP	RoV	SB	Mil**	Osh**	
Members Statistics														
Attendance:														
	6	28	5	60	17	37	10	38	9	10	15	95	5	459
Old	6	5	2	20	2	19	2	6	3	0	7	28	2	121
Statistics														
Members	6	50	7	55	15	61	12	28	6	13	20	70	5	502
Friends	5	20	2	14	2	7	2	2	0	1	11	1	0	89
Adult Members	3	52	0	34	62	68	2	23	0	0	3	13	0	416
Young Friends	0	0	2	42	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	70
TOTAL	14	122	11	145	79	137	17	55	6	14	34	84	7	1077
Members	9	102	7	87	77	129	15	51	6	13	23	83	5	917
Friends	5	20	4	56	2	8	2	4	0	1	11	1	2	159
MEMBERS														
Option	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
	0	2	0	0	2	0	1	7	1	1	0	0	0	19
Transfer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	1	0	0	5
TOTAL	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	11	1	1	1	0	0	26
ASSESSES														
	0	1	0	2	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
Withdrawn	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	8
TOTAL	0	1	2	4	2	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	26

* These Meetings are affiliated with Western Yearly Meeting (Friends United Meeting) as well as IYM.

** Milwaukee and Oshkosh Meetings have dual affiliation with Northern Yearly Meeting (Friends General Conference).

Please Note: We are no longer reporting half-membership for dually affiliated meetings. The totals represent the entire membership of IYM.

Numbers from DeKalb are from 1993.

ADDITIONS AND LOSSES BY NAME AND MEETING

ADDITIONS	LOSSES
<p>BY BIRTH/ADOPTION: Elias Divine Leverett (Southern IL) 10/11/01 Adriene Pedelty (57th St.)</p> <p>BY REQUEST: David Moats (Downers Grove) 6/02 Lillie Mae Shadle (Downers Grove) 6/02 Laura Pedelty (57th St.) Gabriel Pedelty (57th St.) Charley Earp (Northside) 10/14/01 Michael Lawrence (Northside) 10/14/01 Anna Poplawska (Northside) 1/6/02 Katherine Jager (Northside) 3/02 Andy Harrington (Northside) 3/02 Luis Vera (Northside) 3/02 Michael Olsen (Northside) 4/02 Pamela Timme (Oak Park) 9/9/01 Leah Timberlake (Rock Valley) 1/02 Sue Cataldi (St. Louis) 9/9/01 Rhoda Brubaker (St. Louis) 2/10/02 Maureen Eden (St. Louis) 2/10/02 Terri Mittenthal (Urbana-Champaign) 9/16/01 Ian Hansen (Urbana-Champaign) 2/17/02</p> <p>BY TRANSFER: To Northside: Charlotte Wood-Harrington from 57th Street Mtg., 11/01 Alethea Tschetterwood from 57th Street Mtg., 11/01 Stewart Walker from Morningside (NYC) 3/02 Alan Tschetter from Amesbury Mtg. , 4/02 To South Bend: Tim Walls from Stamford Greenwich Friends, 1/02</p>	<p>BY DEATH: Emily Dunn Scott Dale (Bloomington- Normal) 8/21/01 Robert Whitney (Clear Creek) 8/10/01 Mildred Protzman (Decatur) 11/28/01 Concha Castaneda (Decatur) Virginia Dupuis (Downers Grove) 7/01 John Watland (Evanston) 2/21/02 Agnes Peacock (Evanston) 3/21/02 Kenneth Ives (57th St.) Carol Woolman Scattergood (Lake Forest) 7/7/01 Janet Wallace Ullman (Lake Forest) 9/3/01 Jeanette Theodore (St. Louis) 12/19/01</p> <p>BY RELEASE OR WITHDRAWAL: Eric S. Volkel (Decatur) 6/13/02 Sally Merrill (Duneland) 10/01 Bonnie Van Mauen (Evanston) 5/19/02 Tom Mullany (57th St.) B.A. Davis-Howe (Urbana-Champaign) 3/17/02 Jane Kashnig (Urbana-Champaign) 3/17/02</p> <p>BY TRANSFER: From Bloomington-Normal: Nathan Stratton Treadway to Sandy Spring, MD, 9/01 From Duneland: Bob Michener to Boulder, CO, 9/01 From Evanston: Keldwyn Teves to Asheville, N.C., 5/19/02 From Lake Forest: Kristin Elizabeth Fuhrmann to Boulder, CO, 8/01 Susan Elizabeth Crangle to Friends Mtg. at Cambridge in Lexington, MA, 3/02 From Northside: Joyce Hopkins to Chicago Monthly, 4/02 From Oskkosh: Chuck Ratsman to Milwaukee, 5/4/02 From Urbana-Champaign: Jomo McDermott to West Knoxville, 3/17/02</p>

IYM 2002 PROGRAM

Theme: *Quaker Practice: Spirit-led Lives in the World*

WEDNESDAY:

2:00—3:30 Opening Session: Worship & Business Meeting
3:30—6:00 Free time for committees & socializing
5:30—6:00 Singing on front porch
Early supper for children, kitchen volunteers
6:00—7:00 Dinner
7:30—9:00 Service Project for Kids
7:30—8:45 Address by Joanne and Joe Elder
9:00 New attendees Meeting (meet at registration table)
9:00—9:45 Snacks

THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY:

6:30—7 am Early Meeting for Worship
6:45—7:45 Breakfast
7:30 New Attenders Meeting on Saturday (meet at reg. table)
8:00—8:45 Meeting for Worship
9:00—noon Meeting for Business / FUN Program
12:00—1:00 Lunch
1:30—5:15 Recreation—all ages
1:30—2:15 Worship Sharing (all together in meetinghouse)
2:30—3:45 Workshops
3:00—3:30 Snacks for children
3:45—6:15 Free time for committees & socializing
Singing on front porch
Early supper for children, kitchen volunteers
6:15—7:15 Dinner

THURSDAY AFTERNOON AND EVENING:

1:30—2:30 Games on the Lawn
2:30—5:00 Swimming trip
2:45—5:15 Craft Tent
3:45 Finance Committee meeting
7:00 Hayrack Ride
7:30—8:45 Address by Deborah Fisch
8:00—9:00 Campfire
9:00—9:45 Snacks

FRIDAY AFTERNOON AND EVENING:

1:30—2:30 Games on the Lawn
2:30—5:00 Swimming trip
2:45—5:15 Craft Tent
3:45 Women's Theology Group Mtg. for worship, business and discussion
7:00—7:45 Stories n' Stuff in the Junior Yearly Meetinghouse
7:45—10 Dancing on front lawn
9:00—9:45 Watermelon served outside during dancing

SATURDAY AFTERNOON AND EVENING:

1:30—3:45 Craft Tent/Games on the Lawn
4:00 Area Planning Groups meet
4:30—5:30 Talent Show, emceed by Will Alsop, back by popular demand
5:30—6:00 Play on the Front Lawn by the Junior High Thespians
7:30—9:00 Young Friends movies
7:30—8:45 Address by Bill Medlin
9:00—9:45 Snacks

SUNDAY

6:30—7:30 Early Meeting for Worship
7:30—8:30 Breakfast
10:00—11:00 Plummer Lecture: Roxy Jacobs
11:30—12:30 Meeting for Worship
12:30—1:30 Lunch
1:30 Cleanup and Farewells

Minutes of the Illinois Yearly Meeting
128th Annual Session
July 31 – August 4, 2002
McNabb, Illinois

MINUTES OF THE FIRST SESSION: Wednesday, July 31, 2002

Minute 1

The 128th annual session of Illinois Yearly Meeting opened with silent worship.

Minute 2

We greeted visitors from other Quaker organizations, including Deborah Fisch, the Friends General Conference Traveling Ministries Coordinator, from Iowa Yearly Meeting, Conservative and Elaine Emily, an elder from Orange Grove Monthly Meeting, Pasadena, California, whom Deborah invited to be her traveling companion. Traveling minutes were read for both visitors.

Minute 3

The Reading Clerk shared epistles from Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends (2001), Religious Society of Friends, the Netherlands (2002), and Friends World Committee for Consultation World Office, London (2002).

Minute 4

The Naming Committee recommended, and we approved, Ann Eckert and Casey Kashnig as members of the Nominating Committee.

Minute 5

The Clerk announced that Brent and Ann Eckert will join us tomorrow and will open the book store at noon.

Minute 6

Sandy Bowles, Clerk of Ministry and Advancement, invited interested Friends to volunteer for the Committee of Care. Each year during IYM, Ministry and Advancement asks individuals to be available during the week to provide care to attenders finding themselves in need of support. Those who volunteer may or may not be called upon to serve.

Minute 7

First-time attenders are asked to gather at the registration table for orientation either tonight at 9:00 or Saturday morning at 7:30.

Minute 8

The Clerk reviewed the agenda, making necessary additions and corrections.

Minute 9

The session closed with worship, considering the query, “What is the mission of Illinois Yearly Meeting?”

MINUTES OF THE SECOND SESSION: Thursday, August 1, 2002

Minute 10

We welcomed the following additional visitors:

Star Mary Castro, Athens (Ohio) Monthly Meeting, Lake Erie Yearly Meeting, representing FGC through the Traveling Ministries. The Reading Clerk read a letter of introduction for Star Mary.

Bonnie Nicholson, West River Monthly Meeting, Indiana Yearly Meeting, representing AFSC.

Poh and Bill Medlin, Lynn Friends Meeting, Indiana Yearly Meeting. The Reading Clerk read a traveling minute for Bill who is an invited speaker at our sessions.

Margie Figgins, Scattergood Friends School, West Branch, Iowa.

Jane Berger, New York Yearly Meeting, representing the FGC Advancement and Outreach Committee. Jane is presenting a workshop on advancement during our sessions.

Minute 11

First-time attenders were also welcomed.

Minute 12

The Reading Clerk shared excerpts from the epistles of New England Yearly Meeting (2001), Britain Yearly Meeting (2001 and 2002) and from the FWCC World Office, London (2002).

Minute 13

Dawn Rubbert will serve, along with the Reading Clerk, on the 2002 Epistle Committee. Young Friends are considering this morning whether they will provide a representative to this committee. Marti Matthews volunteered to join the Epistle Committee.

Minute 14

Dawn Amos volunteered to serve on the Exercises Committee. There being no other volunteers at this time, we will revisit the membership of this group later in our sessions.

Minute 15

Lisa Johnson Zee has agreed to serve on the Naming Committee, along with Judy Jager. We approved this appointment.

Minute 16

Paul Buckley, Co-Clerk of the 2002 FGC Gathering in Normal, expressed his and Peggy Spohr's thanks to Illinois Yearly Meeting for its contributions to the success of the Gathering. He asked it be minuted that "Beth Schobernd is incredible" for her work with Gathering Local Arrangements. The Clerk expressed the Yearly Meeting's appreciation to Paul and Peggy for their work with the Gathering and "putting Illinois on the map."

Minute 17

Carolyn Wilbur Treadway presented her Pastoral Counselor's report (appended). The Clerk read the Pastoral Counselor's report from Beth Burbank (appended) who recently moved to the state of Washington. We continue to endorse their ministry as Pastoral Counselors.

Minute 18

Carolyn Smith Treadway presented the preliminary Nominating Committee report. Of particular concern are the need for an Assistant Clerk and a replacement for Andrew Wolf who has asked to step down from his responsibilities as Trustee. Approval of the final report and nominations will come before the fourth business session on Saturday.

Minute 19

Our Handbook indicates that terms of Trustees are indefinite. The Clerk reminded us that the Handbook reflects current practice and not always specific decisions made by the Yearly Meeting. The Clerk questioned whether or not we should consider defining terms for Trustees. Trustee Jerry Nurenberg reported that information concerning the process for incorporation had been turned over to the Finance Committee at a past Yearly Meeting. If we follow through with incorporation, that status will negate the need for Trustees.

Cathy Garra, Clerk of the Finance Committee, said that group will consider the incorporation process and bring to our sessions a recommendation on how to proceed. The discussion was deferred to tomorrow's session when we address incorporation.

The Nominating Committee was asked to bring forward two names for trustees; one as a replacement for Andrew Wolf and one additional person. At least one of the nominees should be a Putnam County resident.

Minute 20

A committee consisting of Carol Bartles, Paul Buckley and Jerry Nurenberg was appointed to bring forward a minute of appreciation for Andrew Wolf and his many years of service as a Trustee and his contributions to the Yearly Meeting.

Minute 21

Dawn Amos presented the report of the Electronic Communications Working Group (appended). Friends approved the establishment of an Illinois Yearly Meeting web site, the use of candid photographs on that site, and the recommended guidelines for the management of the email list. The Working Group was asked to provide access to the site through the name "Illinois Yearly Meeting" and to develop a policy on privacy and permissions.

We were clear that we will continue to publish paper versions of our official documents and that the web site should be used as an additional means of providing access to Illinois Yearly Meeting information.

Minute 22

We paused in our work to welcome Keith Kendall who joins us today as a representative from Associated Committee of Friends on Indian Affairs. The Reading

Clerk read a traveling minute for Keith from Richmond First Friends Monthly Meeting, Indiana Yearly Meeting.

Minute 23

Dawn Rubbert presented the report of the Administrative Coordinator Oversight Committee (appended). Dawn expressed appreciation to Julia Pantoga for her willingness to assume many of Sharon Haworth's responsibilities during this session.

Minute 24

Field Secretary Roxy Jacobs delivered her report (appended).

Minute 25

A concern was raised for the lack of communication about significant events, such as deaths and celebrations, throughout the Yearly Meeting. The concern has been received by Ministry and Advancement and by the Administrative Coordinator Oversight Committee.

Minute 26

Sandy Bowles presented the Ministry and Advancement report (appended). M & A asked our consideration of their proposed minute concerning the use of the Field Secretary's time on IYM committees. They also brought to us a request by Thorn Creek Monthly Meeting that their meeting be laid down.

There was much discussion around Thorn Creek's request. Friends tried to come to some balance between addressing the spiritual needs of Thorn Creek worshippers and proper business practice. We were unable to reach unity on a course of action and deferred a decision until later in our session.

We approved the proposed minute on the use of the Field Secretary's time on IYM committees: "If committees of the yearly meeting wish to draw on the services of the field secretary, they should be aware that the field secretary has an oversight body (currently the M & A committee) that may need to be consulted. The time spent by the field secretary on IYM work is carefully allocated in consultation with this oversight body and changes need to be prayerfully considered. The M & A committee suggests that IYM adopt a policy that the field secretary not be appointed except by the field secretary oversight body to other IYM committees as field secretary. This does not apply to any committee appointment suggested by the Nominating committee to the field secretary as an individual member of IYM. We also ask that any concerns related to the work of the field secretary be referred to the oversight committee, rather than the field secretary. We suggest that the yearly meeting consider applying this policy to all staff members."

Minute 27

Nancy Wallace reported from Friends World Committee for Consultation. FWCC requests prayers for God's leading in our response to the "war on terror." They also announce a special consultation, "Peace Witness in Time of Crisis," to be held January 17-20, 2003, on the campus of Guilford College in Greensboro, North Carolina. We approved the appointment of Julia Pantoga as one IYM representative. We also approved having the Clerk ask David Westling to be our other

representative. Should David be unable to attend, Greg Woods will be asked as alternate.

Minute 28

We closed the second session with silent worship.

MINUTES OF THE THIRD SESSION: Friday, August 2, 2002

Minute 29

The Reading Clerk shared excerpts from the epistles of Alaska Friends Conference (2001), New York Yearly Meeting, (2001), and Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting (2001).

Minute 30

We approved the following minute concerning the request from Thorn Creek Monthly Meeting that their meeting be laid down:

Thorn Creek Monthly Meeting has communicated to Illinois Yearly Meeting that they are not functioning as a monthly meeting and feel it would be best to change their status. They have labored with representatives from Ministry and Advancement on this issue for 14 months. There being no functioning Quarterly business meeting to consider Thorn Creek's request, it is the recommendation of Ministry and Advancement to Illinois Yearly Meeting that Thorn Creek Monthly Meeting be laid down.

M & A will continue to work with the worshippers at Thorn Creek to address their spiritual and practical needs, including transfer of membership should they so desire.

Minute 31

The High School Friends did not name anyone to join the Epistle Committee.

Minute 32

Jinny Laughlin volunteered to join Dawn Amos on the Exercises Committee.

Minute 33

We prayerfully considered the proposed minute concerning the formation of a Peace and Conscientious Objection Committee (appended). It was clear Friends felt a need for a mechanism for collecting and disseminating information to be used when counseling those who are considering their response to military service. We approved the objectives of the proposed minute, but were not in unity on how to put those objectives into action.

After much discussion we approved the following minute: "Illinois Yearly Meeting agrees to establish a committee, tentatively called the Peace Resources Committee, consisting of 6-12 members appointed for 3 year terms to accomplish the objectives listed in the proposal."

The new committee was referred to the Nominating Committee for staffing.

Minute 34

Nancy Duncan brought forward the proposed minute on the Religious Freedom Peace Tax (appended) which had been circulated in the Advance Documents. We approved the minute as proposed.

Jerry Nurenberg and Nancy Duncan will draft a letter to be sent to legislators indicating Illinois Yearly Meeting's support of House Resolution 1186.

Nancy Jordan volunteered to see that Friends' personal letters of response are hand-carried to Washington DC.

Minute 35

The Clerk shared the IYM Peace Tax Fund report (appended).

Minute 36

Martha Turner presented the Faith and Practice Committee report (appended). The Faith and Practice Committee requests our support in two ways. They are seeking 2 or 3 monthly meetings willing to host Faith and Practice weekend meetings in the coming year. They are also asking that Friends provide feedback on the progress made thus far by the committee.

We spent time in worship, holding in the Light the on-going work on a Faith and Practice book for Illinois Yearly Meeting.

Minute 37

We received with appreciation the report of the Maintenance and Planning Committee (appended) delivered by Marie White. Carol Bartles presented a walking tour through the Meeting House indicating areas of termite damage, and noting completed and anticipated repairs.

Minute 38

The Treasurer's Report (appended) was presented by Roger Laughlin. We received it with appreciation.

Minute 39

Cathy Garra presented the Finance Committee report (appended). We approved the committee's recommendations to:

1. Create a Special Gifts Fund to accommodate large unrestricted donations.
2. Conduct a professional structural assessment of the Yearly Meeting buildings, at a cost not exceeding \$10,000.
3. Combine the Field Secretary and Administrative Coordinator Funds into a single IYM Staff Fund.
4. List in the Minute Book the procedures and rates for use of the Yearly Meeting facilities.
5. Increase the suggested contributions per resident adult member to \$140 per year, with \$60 for the General Fund, \$25 for the Site Fund, \$5 for the Youth Fund, and \$50 for the Staff Fund.

Minute 40

We received the preliminary budget. The Finance Committee will return with a final proposed budget on Saturday. Friends should speak to Finance Committee

members with suggestions for new contributions realizing that in our current “cookie jar” approach, to add or increase contributions necessitates reducing others.

Minute 41

The Trustees Report (appended) was presented by Andrew (Bud) Wolf.

Minute 42

Illinois Yearly Meeting holds in God’s loving Light Andrew Wolf and his dedicated service as a Trustee for Illinois Yearly Meeting.

Andrew (Bud) Wolf was first named a Trustee for IYM in 1948. People in IYM know of Bud Wolf even though his efforts have been quiet. Most of the things that he has done as a Trustee are foundational types of tasks. Among his contributions are arranging the mowing of the lawns, simple and accurate reports, draining water lines, and managing insurance coverage for the property.

Bud has become a kind and giving elder to Illinois Yearly Meeting. He has shown this through his work and presence, his sense of history, and his recognition of the importance of our piece of God’s ground. We will greatly miss this sweet man’s service as a Trustee.

Minute 43

We closed this session with silent worship.

MINUTES OF THE FOURTH SESSION: Saturday, August 3, 2002

Minute 44

We welcomed the following additional visitor: Janice Clevenger, Bloomington (Indiana) Monthly Meeting, Western and Ohio Valley Yearly Meetings. Janice brought us word of the upcoming FWCC Midwest Regional Conference on September 7, 2002, in Westfield, Indiana.

Minute 45

The Reading Clerk shared excerpts from the epistles of Illinois Yearly Meeting (2001), Canada Yearly Meeting (2001), Iowa Yearly Meeting of Friends - Conservative (2002), Religious Society of Friends in New Zealand (2001), and FWCC World Office, London (2002).

Minute 46

Mark Robinson presented the Youth Oversight report (appended). In the past year, YO has focused in part on providing funding for young Friends to attend various national gatherings. That increased funding is reflected in this year’s proposed budget.

Minute 47

The Friends Peace Teams report (appended) was delivered by Julia Pantoga. Their work in strife-torn areas allows the people an opportunity to heal from their own trauma before moving toward peaceful solutions.

Minute 48

Carol Bartles and Matthew Smith reported for the Site Envisioning and Building Committee (appended). They summarized the work of the committee and shared the results of the survey they conducted to gather opinions and information from the Yearly Meeting family.

Minute 49

We received the epistle from young Friends in the 9-11 year old group (appended).

Minute 50

We approved the continuation for the next year of the Site Envisioning and Building Committee. That committee will follow the program presented and will return to next year's sessions with a proposal for action.

Minute 51

The Yearly Meeting expresses its sincere thanks to the committee for its work, and particularly acknowledges the contributions of Carol Bartles and Matthew Smith.

Minute 52

Greg Woods presented the report for Project Lakota. Greg summarized the progress of the building projects undertaken at the work camp, and shared with us the opportunities he and Candy Boyd have enjoyed giving presentations on their work at Quaker gatherings. The work camp is a joint project between AFSC and Intermountain Yearly Meeting, with Project Lakota providing funding for building materials.

Minute 53

Cathy Garra presented the revised budget. The Publications Committee decided that it will require \$200 less in the coming year than was first budgeted. The Finance Committee recommended this \$200 be used to increase the ProNica donation from \$30 to \$100 and to send \$130 to FWCC Midwest Operations. We approved the budget with these amendments.

Minute 54

The Finance Committee has determined that the investigation into incorporation will take more work than we have time to accomplish at these sessions. Jerry Nurenberg will provide leadership for this work. Monthly meetings are encouraged to check the title of property they own. If the Yearly Meeting holds full or partial title to the property, the IYM Finance Committee should be notified.

Minute 55

Cathy Garra shared the Finance Committee's report on the possibility of creating a Development Committee for IYM (appended). They found that we have limited ways of communicating the dollar needs of the Yearly Meeting, and that we do not have a strong tradition of giving. While we do support our staff and most of the

needs of IYM, our site needs in the future could be massive. The Finance Committee proposed the establishment of an ad hoc Development Committee for the next three years, consisting of one member each from Finance, Ministry & Advancement, Maintenance & Planning, and the Site Envisioning & Building Committee. Three additional members would come from the Yearly Meeting, with at least one of these members being from Clear Creek Monthly Meeting. The charge of this committee would be to work toward making Illinois Yearly Meeting better known among our constituent meetings, to expand giving opportunities, to encourage giving and to relay information back to the collaborating committees for appropriate action.

We approved the formation of the Development Committee, with the membership to be approved by the Fall 2002 Continuing Committee.

Minute 56

The 6-8 year olds joined us and shared their epistle (appended).

Minute 57

Carolyn Smith Treadway presented the Nominating Committee report (appended).

Maurine Pyle will represent IYM at the fall FGC Traveling Ministries Consultation. Ministry and Advancement will identify a second representative.

David Finke and Genevieve Wimp-McCann were tentatively appointed to represent IYM at the January consultation sponsored by the FGC Committee for Ministry on Racism.

The Nominating Committee asked to have its membership increase by one. The Naming Committee will find an additional person to serve, and will select the Clerk of Nominating for 2003.

We approved the list of nominations presented in the report.

Minute 58

Colleen Reardon reported for Friends for Lesbian and Gay Concerns (appended). In the coming year, the group is seasoning a new name – Friends for Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual, Transgendered, and Queer Concerns.

Minute 59

The Friends Committee on Unity with Nature report (appended) was given by Bob Wixom.

Minute 60

The Friends Association for Higher Education report (appended) was given by Bob Wixom.

Minute 61

The Yearly Meeting recognizes and appreciates Bob Wixom's 15 years of service as our FAHE representative.

Minute 62

Jerry Nurenberg reported for QVSTWC (appended). The committee is discerning its role in practical service within the Yearly Meeting and in providing Young Friends with service opportunities.

Minute 63

Dawn Amos read the report of the Exercises Committee (appended). The Exercises Committee members were Dawn Amos, Jinny Laughlin, and Greg Woods.

Minute 64

We closed this session with silent worship.

MINUTES OF THE FIFTH SESSION: Sunday, August 4, 2002

Minute 65

We received the epistle from the High School Friends (appended).

Minute 66

The IYM Epistle from the 2002 Sessions was read and approved (appended).

Minute 67

Carolyn Smith Treadway submitted the final Nominating Committee report (appended), citing a few remaining unfilled positions. We approved the report with great thanks to the Nominating Committee. Further nominations will be brought to Fall Continuing Committee for approval.

Minute 68

We welcomed former Field Secretary Barry Zalph and his wife, Katie White-side. We also welcomed first time and newly arrived attenders.

Minute 69

Judy Jager of the Naming Committee announced that Carolyn Smith Treadway has agreed to remain as clerk of Nominating Committee for the coming year. We approved with gratitude.

Minute 70

Fall Continuing Committee will meet Saturday, October 26, 2002, in St. Louis. The 2003 Annual Sessions of Illinois Yearly Meeting will be held July 30-August 3, 2003, near McNabb, Illinois.

Minute 71

We closed our 2002 sessions with silent worship.

EXERCISES

Fresh from the singular joy of having the FGC Gathering right here at home, we were primed for intervisitation and spiritual connections. Our sense of coming home again to McNabb was magnified when we learned that the beloved old meetinghouse is being saved from a stealthy yet devastating settlement of termites. This is not what we meant by “intervisitation”. The shoring up of the building’s supports is paralleled by our gathering’s attention to IYM’s mission and infrastructure. Both the Quaker Lane site and the Meeting have benefited from the loving care of Friends—those who have gathered this week and many who could not attend. A minute was crafted to honor Andrew “Bud” Wolf who humbly and briefly described his work during his 54 years as a trustee. Bud’s tenure helped define what Quakers mean by an “indefinite” term of service.

Plans for enhancements to the physical site are being considered, but already the addition of “The Strip” (of new parking spaces close to the meetinghouse) was enthusiastically welcomed. It was noteworthy in many circles that the crop to the south behind the buildings is not corn this year, but soybeans. The stairwell to the dining room was freshly painted, and the wait for meals was made all the more interesting by the invitation to post notes on a board answering the question, “What is the mission of Illinois Yearly Meeting?”

This year’s theme “Quaker Practice: Spirit-led Lives in the World” inspired our sessions, workshops, and discussions. We approved a web site as an additional outlet for IYM publications, but recognized the critical need to continue publishing paper documents for those not connected to the Web. Our labors in business sessions included forming a Peace Resource committee and were alleviated by frequent “Helen Jean Nelson stretches”. We found it poignant that while Thorn Creek Monthly Meeting has asked to be converted to a worship group, the Champaign-Urbana Meeting will soon be breaking ground on a new meetinghouse. A worship sharing series offered care and concern for the IYM monthly meetings and worship groups.

We heard Joe and Joann Elder express the fascinating ways in which they have applied Quaker processes in non-Quaker venues, and Deborah Fisch shared stories illuminating how divine messages and our spiritual journeys must be shared with others without fear of giving offense, because even years later listeners may suddenly realize our story was a message meant for them. We were blessed by the presence of other visiting Friends, including Bill Medlin of Indiana Yearly Meeting and his charming family.

The teens dealt with how to cope with a peaceful response in a post September 11 world. Older teens struggled with the lack of an Adult Young Friends program and what will happen in the next few years as they become older. Young Friends are becoming more active in larger Quaker events. Walks to the Edgewood Restaurant and Golf Course, late night jaunts to the graveyard, a day at a funland, and endless times of hanging out and playing cards are traditions that were repeated, but many Friends of all ages missed having the traditional Friday night folk dancing on the lawn.

Special sensations: nightly singing on the porch, Frisbee on the lawn, beautiful sheets of handmade paper drying in the sun, (notwithstanding the pesticides) a yel-

low crop duster skimming the cornfields and bounding into the blue sky, circles of a few or many people in shady spots surrounding the meetinghouse, long games of tag in the Henry public pool, a bonfire with s'mores, sweet watermelon amid a blessed cool breeze on Friday night, stargazing with David Finke, and storytelling to an audience of not-quite children.

Until next time, beloved children of God!

Dawn Amos, Jinny Laughlin, and Greg Woods

EPISTLES

2002 Epistle of Illinois Yearly Meeting

To Friends Everywhere:

Under the blazing summer sun we gathered on the flat agrarian belly of central Illinois. The sound of birds and plentiful cicadas provided background music. In the evenings we were graced with cool breezes and brilliant stars. Like the soybean and corn around us we put down roots and waited to see what the Spirit would yield. A sense of expectant optimism prevailed as we pondered *Quaker Practice: Spirit-Led Lives in the World*. We heard from invited speakers of their own Spirit-led work and some told of the work of others as well, and we were reminded that each of us is the beloved child of God.

Spirit-led work among our own body of Friends was evident as we went about our business. Committees were laid down, created or blended. Our renewed commitment to the Peace Testimony led to creating a Peace Resources Committee which, among other things, will insure our young people have counseling available to help them make decisions about the military. We failed to fill the position of assistant clerk, who would become presiding clerk for two years of the four year term. We trust that the Light will reveal a solution. We rejoiced at the Spirit-led work of several IYM Friends among the Lakota People. The Lakota Project raises money and recruits volunteers to repair and build new housing in this poorest area of our country in cooperation with the AFSC/Intermountain Yearly Meeting Joint Service Project.

While one meeting asked to be changed to a worship group others reported growth. We wondered how we could better sustain each other and gave thanks for having the resources to pay our two part-time staff for the coming year.

Our sense of hope was further revealed by the Site Envisioning Committee whose survey of IYM friends showed much energy for improving our meeting-house and grounds. Friends find that our meeting grounds connect us to our history and provide a place where we can set aside other concerns and experience communion with God and nature. The survey also showed that our kitchen, dining room and dorm are inadequate. We need to better provide for the elderly and handicapped. We are committed to improve and preserve our historic meeting-house for use by Friends. Our immediate attention is focused on eliminating the recently discovered termite infestation and rectifying the damage. There appears to be a strong leading to offer use of our improved facilities to others outside Friends' groups.

Meeting approved the creation of a website, *ILYM.org*; assurance was given to those among us who do not use email that they would not be left out of the process. Monthly Meetings can decide individually what they wish to have posted on the website.

One subject our young people pondered this summer was conscientious objection. They also learned, and reminded us, about Benjamin West. They performed an original play to demonstrate that art was not always considered proper work for Friends. Younger Friends learned about Mahatma Gandhi, George Fox and Sojourner Truth.

Wiping both literal and figurative sweat from our brows we sought guidance as we worshiped and worked on the tasks necessary to care for ourselves; corn-shucking, dish-washing and making sure the bathrooms were supplied. Each day we listened deeply to the concerns of our varied and distant meetings and worship groups. Old friendships were celebrated and new ones begun just as long service was recognized and new talents welcomed. We began to plan for IYM 2003.

High School Young Friends Epistle

To Friends Everywhere,

Together once again we joined hearts and hands to learn and grow in McNabb, Illinois, during our yearly meeting from July 31 to August 4, 2002. After reuniting on Wednesday by using welcoming games, we eased back to where we left. Right away we engaged in our high school traditions such as walking to both the nearby graveyard and railroad tracks, which give us our own space to unify our rhythm. We also sought sanctuary from the sweltering heat at our local air-conditioned restaurant. During our free time we spent many an hour playing various card games, listening to all sorts of music, and peacefully using each other as pillows. Also in suit of tradition, we went on an out-trip to play golf, video games, go-kart, swim and picnic.

In our business meeting we discussed a Quake with high schoolers from the Lake Erie Yearly Meeting. And in order to support our Quakes, and other excursions, we raised funds with a makeshift coffee shop.

Furthermore into our schedule, we discussed conscientious objection. As Quakers most of us decide to follow a non-violent way of living. Speaking for the IYM High School population we will continue this practice and will encourage others to join us in uniting different worlds in a peaceful manner. In another workshop, we were further questioned on our beliefs about the Quakerly patriotism of pacifism and how it fits into today's society.

Once again our Illinois Yearly Meeting group of individually interwoven teens has concluded another great time enjoying each other's presence, gifts, and thoughts.

Junior High Friends Epistle

Our Jr. High group met Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 9 a.m. at IYM 2002. This year there are less Jr. High children than there have been in past years. The Jr. High group has a room (small structure next to the "Fox Hole"), which has never

been named. We, the people of the Jr. High group named it the “Penn House”, after William Penn.

The theme of this year’s Jr. High gathering is conscientious objection. At our first meeting we played games to get to know each other. Afterwards, we watched two videos: one was a promotional US Navy-sponsored video about joining the army, and the second was about why you should not join the army. We discussed and compared the two short films. We also had two CO’s, Bill Brown and David Finke, come and speak to us about their experiences. In addition we watched a PBS documentary entitled “The Good War and Those Who Refused to Fight It”. We discussed the video, and our group’s collective opinion was that we would all be CO’s.

The Jr. High group is doing a play for the Illinois meeting for the talent show. It is called “Benjamin West, Quaker Artist”. We worked hard every day and we think it will be funny, and look forward to performing it.

9 – 11 Year Old Friends Epistle

Five children in the nine to eleven year old group met at the annual session of Illinois Yearly Meeting near McNabb, Illinois to consider the theme of living a spirit-filled life.

We considered the lives of two Quakers. The first day we heard a story about Benjamin West, who lived from 1738 to 1820. He was a really good painter who concentrated on his work. As a young child he didn’t have a paint brush or paint. He cut hairs off of the family cat to make a paint brush and his neighbors, local Indians, gave him paint. At age six his parents and Quaker Meeting recognized his gift, bought paint and brushes, and encouraged his love of drawing and painting.

The second day we heard about the life of Sylvia Way, born 1913. Her friend Roxy Jacobs told us the story of Sylvia’s life. Sylvia is nice to others, especially children. When she was six years old a Quaker came to her Meeting and explained the need of German children who were starving as the result of WW I. Someone said, “Should you be feeding the Germans, they are the enemy? The speaker said, “They are not enemies, they are children, beloved of God.”

At this time, at age six, she had a leading to devote her life to help children and make them safe. We learned about leadings. A leading is listening with your heart and taking action. It is kind of like following something you dream to do. Sylvia’s leading led her to become a social worker. She helped children and set a very good example for other people.

We formed what we wanted to make with clay. We made snow men, dogs, a puppet head, guinea pigs, people, and a fossil. At the campfire we put our clay work in a hole, scooped hot coals on top and let the pieces bake over night. The next day we removed the clay from the hole and painted the artwork with acrylic paint. We made puppets and practiced making up puppet skits. After practicing we decided to do a puppet performance for the talent show. We think the puppet show should be funny and at the same time have a Quaker message. Also, we chose to limit the puppeteers to two or three backstage because the stage is small.

We enjoy fellowship with our friends and feel sadness when it is time to leave IYM.

6 – 8 Year Old Friends Epistle

Hi from the 6-8 year old group. There are five in our group – Sarah, Corinne, Billy, Nathan and Helen. We went swimming, had snacks, and played really fun games. We learned about George Fox, Sojourner Truth, Mahatma Gandhi. They taught all people are equal. We also learned that a little change now can make a big difference later.

Nathan, Helen, Sarah, Corinne, Billy and Karen

REGISTRATION REPORT FOR IYM 2002		
TOTAL REGISTRATION: 191 (154 adults, 37 YFs under nineteen representing 119 households).		
REGISTRATION BY QUARTER:		
Blue River	47 Adults 21 Young Friends	Total: 68
Chicago North	56 Adults 10 Young Friends	Total: 66
Chicago South	33 Adults 7 Young Friends	Total: 40
Other	17 Adults 0 Young	<u>Total: 17</u>
		191
Housing: 63 used the dormitory, 68 camped, 60 used motels or local housing. *Numbers are close estimates. Some IYM attenders did not register.		

Report on Epistles Received from Other Yearly Meetings

OHIO YEARLY MEETING

And when all my hopes in them and in all men were gone, so that I had nothing outwardly to help me, nor could tell what to do, then, oh then, I heard a voice which said, "There is one, even Christ Jesus, that can speak to thy condition," and when I heard it my heart did leap for joy.—George Fox, Journal

Do your hearts leap for joy upon hearing the name of Jesus? We who have experienced His joy are compelled this day to shout to the world that He IS the Prince of Peace. We ask all who have not supped with Him to come and taste and see that He is Good. We invite all who enjoy fellowship with Him into fellowship with us.

Throughout the past year and at our yearly meeting sessions, we have been rediscovering the importance and the power of repentance, for new and old believers alike, as well as for those who have never known the Lord. For it is in turning to Him that we come clean with ourselves, receive His forgiveness, experience His great love, and are equipped to offer love and forgiveness to others. The process is not without grief, but it is a grief mixed with hope that we are free at last of the chains of bitterness and regret, free to make joy and true fellowship with God and one another a reality.

NETHERLANDS YEARLY MEETING

This year's theme was 'Source and Radiance, the culture of non-violence in relationship to the radiance of the Society of Friends in the 21st century'. Two speakers gave their personal views: Tjeerd Dibbits told of his radical pacifism and how it emerged from Quaker sources. The peace testimony became his own testimony of faith. He said that pacifism also means refraining from revenge. Fear will always be with us, but we must not allow it to sway us.

In her account Hamsa Eichler told us of the importance of holding time free for reflection and that we should be aware of our own radiation on society in both material and spiritual spheres. It would benefit society if more attention were directed to the similarity between religions and less attention given to the mutual differences.

FRIENDS WORLD COMMITTEE FOR CONSULTATION

Greetings to you all and love from Friends World Committee for Consultation World Office in London, as you gather in McNabb for your annual sessions.

There are times when Friends find themselves walking in green pastures, and times when we have to pass through the valley of desolation. Many Friends have lived for years in a country at war, and have practiced the peace testimony in the middle of daily scarcities and fears. Now the most powerful country in the world, allied to other wealthy countries where Friends live, has declared a state of ongoing war. The prayers and love of Friends are with you and with all who seek for a true witness in these times.

"Being faithful witnesses: serving God in a changing world" (Acts 1:8) is the theme of the 21st FWCC Triennial in Auckland, Aotearoa/New Zealand, in January 2004.

NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

Friends of New England Yearly Meeting gathered from August 4—9, 2001, for the 341st annual sessions with the theme "Coming 'Round Right: Our Witness To These Times." In our opening session, keynote speaker, Stan Thornburg of Northwest Yearly Meeting told us the story of his first verbal ministry, when as a 4th grader, he rose in meeting and asked, "If Christianity is so exciting, why is everyone asleep?" We ask, if Quakerism is everything we say it is, why isn't the joy and power of our faith spilling out of us and our Meetings?

BRITAIN YEARLY MEETING (2001)

From Britain Yearly Meeting held in Exeter from 28 July to 4 August 2001.

This year, the sense of urgency of the younger Friends at Yearly Meeting, and the anger they expressed, have discomfited the rest of us. We feel overwhelmed by the complexity of the issues before us and frustrated that, despite what has been achieved, there is still so much we need to do. We must listen to God and allow the Spirit to move us.

Mourning what human arrogance and greed have done to the Earth, we heard sung “Were you there when they crucified my Lord?” We heard angry and moving accounts of the treatment of black people and asylum seekers in Britain. Turning to our own practice as a Yearly Meeting, we acknowledged that our membership procedures can be daunting and unhelpful to some who are part of our meetings and our work.

We decided to ask Monthly Meetings to experiment with finding encouraging and nurturing ways of helping attenders to come into membership.

Seeking God’s guidance, we must tackle racism and the exploitation of our planet with urgency, courage and understanding. Let us engage directly with the world, and find effective ways to be heard, so that our voices can influence decisions. We must talk and listen to the perpetrators of injustice and discrimination. We must be prepared to work both outside and inside the institutions of power.

BRITAIN YEARLY MEETING (2002)

Loving greetings to Friends everywhere from Britain Yearly Meeting held in London 3—6 May, 2002.

In this year, seen as the 350th anniversary of the birth of Quakerism, we meet in grateful remembrance of the Friends, known and unknown, who have maintained our Society over centuries; we have been reminded, in epistles received from other yearly meetings, of those who sustain Quaker witness in other parts of the world. We give thanks for them all.

We have been inspired by the words of Dag Hammarskjöld: *For all that has been—thanks, to all that shall be—yes*. We must not allow fear to prevent us from engaging in the difficult or the apparently impossible, but show courage in continuing the bold experiment which began in the seventeenth century.

ALASKA FRIENDS CONFERENCE

Greetings from the Alaska Friends Conference, the yearly meeting of unprogrammed Friends in Alaska (formerly the Central Alaska Friends Conference). We met July 26—28, 2001 at the Dickerson Homestead, Ashley Lake, Wasilla. We were favored with warm weather, glorious sun, fresh salmon, and no rain (but an abundance of mosquitoes).

For teenaged Friends, the life of the Yearly Meeting has been particularly rich in the past year. A core group of young people have participated in a series of training sessions for Help Increase the Peace (HIP) program. During the annual session we greatly enjoyed the intergenerational activities on good communication led by two of the Young Friends. Later during worship, the Young Friends spoke with passion and eloquence of having coalesced as a group during the past several years and of now facing a transition as several Young Friends will be leaving for college in the fall. A younger group is now called to the positions of leadership.

Another focus of our meeting has been a compassionate listening project concerning the divisive issue of subsistence rights in Alaska. The Alaskans Listening to Alaskans about Subsistence project was initiated at this meeting three years ago, and, as a project of the AFSC, has since sponsored, in fifteen locations around the state, gatherings of native villagers, urban hunters and fishers, and neutral Quaker listeners. The meeting is gratified at signs of increased awareness of the need for reconciliation and for serious concern of the needs of different groups.

NEW YORK YEARLY MEETING, 7th Month 22—28, 2001

Friends participating in Bible study felt the relevance of the story about Abraham, Sarah, Hagar, Ishmael, and Isaac to the tensions in the Middle East today.

One Friend passionately expressed in vocal ministry that his experiences with Young Friends provided him with not only hope, but also assurance for the future.

To the Junior Yearly Meeting:

Let us take this time to share with you what we did this week. We gathered together all week in worship to carry out the business of New York Yearly Meeting.

We were well aware of your presence and glad to be part of the Fun(d) Fair and Café Night and other intergenerational activities.

So we leave you with our vision of the blessed community for you to take with you.

OHIO VALLEY YEARLY MEETING

In our annual sessions held August 1—5, 2001 at Earlham College, Richmond, Indiana, Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting approved the following minute which we are sending to all Yearly Meetings within the United States:

“Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting Friends are concerned that many persons in the U.S. receive inadequate health care. In a country of immense wealth, this situation is incomprehensible. Such a condition is contrary to our vision of a Kingdom of God among us and especially to our duty to care for the weak and vulnerable. We urge Friends, with Divine assistance, to work to transform our health care system so that everyone in the U.S. has access to health care that is comprehensive and of high quality. We will share this concern with all U.S. Yearly Meetings, public officials, and our fellow citizens. We seek the leading of the Spirit to discern the way forward on this concern.”

ILLINOIS YEARLY MEETING, 2001

We gathered with joy at being reunited with old F/friends and in anticipation of the growing and changing community due to the addition of new F/friends. Speaking to the theme, Called to Community, Tom Mullen encouraged us to engage in spiritual community, to be role models as we walk together witnessing to the world based on our discernment of God’s leading. He challenged us to expand our community by inviting others to join us.

Lloyd Lee Wilson reminded us that Christian community is about transforming the world by creating a life together out of an imperfect intent to love. It will be messy. He asked if we are willing, like early Christians, to pray together, to break bread together, to spend time together, to share our wealth, and to respond to God’s call to gather in community.

We were reminded as we grow deeper into our faith, to become more ecumenical, to share our joy and laughter openly so others feel drawn into our growing faith community. We are gathered together by our experiences of the Divine, and not by creed. We hope others will be attracted by the love and struggles in our midst.

Are yearly and monthly meetings taking the time to pray together, to break bread together, to spend time together, to share their wealth, and to respond to God’s calling so that we can sustain community for the transformation of the world?

CANADIAN YEARLY MEETING

August 11—18, 2001, at King’s-Edgehill School in Windsor, Nova Scotia, 166 adults and 40 Young Friends came together.

Our theme this year was “Seeking Unity with Nature”, and our location in the beautiful Annapolis Valley brought us closer to nature, as it also brought us closer to one another. Friends actively pondered our recognition that humankind is only one aspect of creation. We welcomed the participation of Young Friends who shared the concerns about bio-technology and also provided positive actions that could be taken by all. Our gathering was marked by enthusiastic support for continuing ecological work, and by the metamorphosis of the Ecol-

ogy Working Group caterpillar into the Quaker Ecology Action Network of Canadian Yearly Meeting butterfly.

The Sunderland P. Gardner lecture by Sarah Chandler, titled “The Never Broken Treaty?” addressed Quaker relations with Aboriginal peoples.

Young Friends Epistle:

A Friend brought to our attention a thought-provoking query having to do with Quaker Committee on Jails and Justice. “Who does punishment benefit?” Leading from this, we discussed our justice system and ways we could change it to reflect Quaker and human values through restorative justice. Friends hope to search for publications written by Young Friends to be included in the Canadian Faith and Practice.

IOWA YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS (CONSERVATIVE)

Iowa Yearly Meeting of Friends, Conservative, meets for their 125th session July 17—21, 2002. Our hearts are tender as we meet with long time and new Friends to worship, do business and have fellowship together. Ecclesiastes 3:1 reminds us “To everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven.”

With the happenings of September 11th, a shadow passed over the world. It has affected us all. We hope that Love will be the tool of choice for solving world problems. We invite you to pray with us for PEACE—Peace in suffering, Peace for the families and children, Peace for the perpetrators, and Peace for persons in power making difficult choices. We are reminded not to be discouraged. “The Light shineth in darkness, and the dark comprehendeth it not.... That was the true Light which lights every man that cometh into the world.” John 1:5 and 9.

We take strength in knowing you are all a part of our life’s journey. We have been touched by the messages from other meetings.

NEW ZEALAND YEARLY MEETING

Some things have given us a sense of hope for the future. For the first time in 8 years Young Friends have played an active role in the business of our Yearly Meeting.

Friends have heard of the work being done to address the suffering resulting from continued sanctions in Iraq. A major appeal for medical aid is the result of years of commitment by concerned Friends to the human rights of Iraqi people.

We gave attention to the Inner Life in some of our sessions. Several Friends, who had participated in the year long Spiritual Nurture Programme, spoke with enthusiasm about deepening their spiritual lives and the flow-on effects to their Meetings. The programme is to be offered again in 2002. The representative from Australia Yearly Meeting told us of the progress of their Meeting for Learning and of the work being done towards an Australian Quaker Faith and Practice.

Our visiting speaker, Henrik Moller, gave us a passionate address on conservation and our relationship with the natural world of which we are a part. We heard that preserving the land in National Parks is only a part of what is needed and we need to use all the rest of the land in a sustainable way and regain our connection to it. He stressed the importance of learning from the indigenous people’s attitude to the land and to its taonga (treasures). We are finding our way through a new and changing landscape where advances in technology and thinking lead to new ethical questions.

FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS
TRUSTEES REPORT 2001—2002

Receipts		
June 30, 2001	Balance on hand	\$-20.16
June 30, 2001	Interest	15.13
July 5, 2001	Illinois Yearly Meeting Treasurer	500.00
Sept. 1, 2001	Illinois Yearly Meeting Treasurer	2500.00
June 19, 2002	Clear Creek Mtg. for mowing	<u>500.00</u>
	Receipts Total	\$3494.97
Expenses		
June 30, 2001	Illinois Power (12 months)	\$368.33
July 9, 2001	Dormitory Insurance	296.00
Aug. 2, 2001	Campbell Insurance (liability)	272.00
Sept. 1, 2001	Mowing Meetinghouse yard	270.00
Oct. 10, 2001	Mowing campground	880.00
Oct. 28, 2001	Mowing Meetinghouse yard	180.00
Mar. 12, 2002	Magnolia Mutual Insurance	752.00
June 16, 2002	Mowing Meetinghouse yard	<u>360.00</u>
	Expenses Total	\$3378.33
	Receipts total	3494.97
	Expenses total	3378.33
	Balance	\$116.64

We request \$2500.00 from IYM Treasurer to pay for extra mowing and Insurance increases.

-Andrew Wolf, Trustee

Financial Report for Fiscal Year 7/1/01 to 6/30/02

GENERAL FUND

BALANCE ON HAND 6-30-01 (FOR BUDGETING '01-'02)		\$28,244.82
INCOME		
Contributions – Meetings		\$23,158.15
Contributions – Individuals		1177.45
Interest – Friends Meetinghouse Fund		400.00
Interest – First State Bank Ck. Account		574.99
Interest – First State Bank CD		368.43
Book Sales – '01 Session		197.01
Total Income		\$25,876.03
EXPENSES – Operating	BUDGET	ACTUAL
Publications	\$4900.00	\$4254.39
Committees	200.00	157.17
Religious Education	1000.00	376.15
Travel – IYM Representatives	2600.00	2012.40
FWCC Triennial	1000.00	1000.00
Office	800.00	684.14
Computer Equipment	2200.00	1761.00
Trustees	2500.00	2500.00
Field Secretary Transfer	1440.00	1440.00
Administrative Coordinator Transfer	4520.00	4520.00
Miscellaneous	4.82	0
IYM '01 Session Deficit	0	47.45
Total Operating Expenses	\$21,164.82	\$18,752.70
EXPENSES – Contributions	BUDGET AND ACTUAL	
Friends General Conference		\$3200.00
American Friends Service Committee		400.00
Friends Committee on National Legislation		400.00
Friends World Committee for Consultation		400.00
Right Sharing of World Resources		300.00
Assoc. Comm. Of Friends on Indian Affairs		250.00
Friends for Lesbian and Gay Concerns		50.00
Chicago Fellowship of Friends Scholarship Fund		100.00
Pro-NICA		30.00
Olney Friends School		100.00
Scattergood Friends School		200.00
Earlham College		200.00
Earlham School of Religion		100.00
Quaker United Nations Office		50.00
Friends Committee on Unity with Nature		50.00
New Call to Peacemaking		50.00
Lakota Project		100.00
Lakota Project—Candy Boyd (special, not budgeted)		100.00
Friends Peace Teams		100.00
Total Contributions Expenses		\$7180.00
Total Expenses (Operating and Contributions)		\$25,932.70
BALANCE ON HAND 6-30-02 (FOR BUDGETING '02-'03)		\$28,188.15

Special Funds: Income and Expenses 2001—2002

SITE FUND		QVSWN	
Balance 6-30-01	\$6238.15	Balance 6-30-01	\$500.01
INCOME		INCOME	
Contributions – Meetings	10743.44	Contrib. – Project Lakota	500.00
Contributions – Individuals	552.00	Balance 6-30-02	\$0.00
Total Income	\$11,295.44	FWCC TRIENNIAL	
EXPENSES		Balance 6-30-01	
Repairs & Maintenance	10447.07		\$2330.00
Balance 6-30-02	\$7086.52	Transfer from General Fund	1000.00
YOUTH FUND		Balance 6-30-02	
Balance 6-30-01	\$3922.90		\$3330.00
INCOME		WOMEN'S WEEKEND	
Contributions – Meetings	1773.00	Balance 6-30-01	\$422.93
Contributions – Individuals	310.00	INCOME	
Total Income	\$2083.00	Registration	565.00
EXPENSES		'01 Honorarium returned	100.00
Food-IYM '01 & EasterQuake	233.50	TOTAL INCOME	665.00
Travel & Fee-YouthQuake	645.33	EXPENSES	
Clerking Workshop	205.00	Food and supplies	258.04
Total Expenses	1083.83	Site Fee (33 attenders)	355.00
Balance 6-30-02	\$4922.07	Total Expenses	613.04
FIELD SECRETARY		Balance 6-30-02	\$474.89
Balance 6-30-01	\$3305.83	COUPLES WKND – no activity	
INCOME		Balance 6-30-02	64.11
Contributions – Meetings	6525.00	ENVIRONMENTAL WKND – no activity	
Contributions – Individuals	330.00	Balance 6-30-02	367.92
Transfer from General Fund	1440.00	SUFFERINGS FUND -no activity	
Total Income	8295.00	Balance 6-30-02	\$25.00
EXPENSES		TRUSTEES FUND –no activity	
Travel	3832.27	Balance 6-30-02	-295.00
Salary	5900.00	SPECIAL GIFTS	
Total Expenses	9732.27	Balance 6-30-01	\$0.00
Balance 6-30-02	\$1868.56	INCOME—Anonymous Gifts	26,362.29
ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR		Balance 6-30-02	\$26,362.29
Balance 6-30-01	15917.07	'01 SESSION	
INCOME		INCOME—Registration	\$10180.00
Contributions – Meetings	9378.35	EXPENSES	
Contributions – Individuals	210.00	Prepaid	3623.96
Transfer from General Fund	4520.00	'01 Session	6603.49
Total Income	14,108.35	TOTAL EXPENSES	10227.45
EXPENSES –Salary		BALANCE 6-30-02 (Deficit)	-\$47.45
	12,100.00	(shown as expense in General Fund)	
Balance 6-30-02	17,925.42		

CASH IN BANKS

First State Bank Ck. Acct.	65447.07
First State Bank CD	10944.79
Friends Meetinghouse Fund	10000.00
Total	86391.86

RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS

General	\$28188.15
Site	7086.52
Youth	4922.07
Field Secretary	1868.56
Admin. Coordinator	17925.42
QVSWN	0.00
FWCC Triennial	3330.00
Women's Weekend	474.89
Couples Weekend	64.11
Environmental Weekend	367.92
Sufferings	25.00
Special Gifts	26362.29
Trustees	-295.00
Prepd. Expenses for '01 session	-3928.07
Total	86391.86

Monthly Meeting Contributions

Meeting	Total	General Fund	Site Fund	Youth Fund	Field Sec. Fund	Adm. Coord..
BlNr	690.00	525.00	20.00	5.00	20.00	120.00
ClCr	5280.94	1700.00	2680.94	150.00	350.00	400.00
Colm	2700.00	1200.00	400.00	100.00	400.00	600.00
Dctr	540.00	240.00	80.00	20.00	80.00	120.00
DkIb	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
DwGr	3240.00	1440.00	480.00	120.00	480.00	720.00
Dunl	625.00	300.00	50.00	25.00	100.00	150.00
Evan	4057.00	2875.15	262.50	0.00	525.00	394.35
57 th	2580.00	480.00	1660.00	40.00	160.00	240.00
LkFo	8775.00	3900.00	1300.00	325.00	1300.00	1950.00
McHn	1000.00	440.00	300.00	40.00	0.00	220.00
Milw	4860.00	2160.00	720.00	180.00	720.00	1080.00
Nsde	4050.00	1800.00	600.00	150.00	600.00	900.00
OakP	945.00	350.00	140.00	105.00	140.00	210.00
Oshk	200.00	88.00	30.00	8.00	30.00	44.00
PeGa	810.00	360.00	120.00	30.00	120.00	180.00
RkVa	1485.00	660.00	220.00	55.00	220.00	330.00
StLo	3800.00	2000.00	800.00	200.00	400.00	400.00
Sben	2565.00	1140.00	380.00	95.00	380.00	570.00
SoIl	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
ThCr	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
UrCh	3375.00	1500.00	500.00	125.00	500.00	750.00
Totals	51577.94	23158.15	10743.44	1773.00	6525.00	9378.35

2002-2003 BUDGET

OPERATING EXPENSES:

Publishing	4,700.00
Committees	200.00
Religious Education	1,000.00
IYM Travel (representatives)	4,500.00
FWCC Travel transfer (triennial)	1,000.00
Office	1,300.00
Trustees transfer	2,500.00
Staff Travel	3,500.00
Staff Fund transfer	1,000.00
Site Fund transfer	<u>2,008.15</u>
Total Operating Expenses	\$21,708.15

CONTRIBUTIONS

Friends General Conference	3,200.00
American Friends Service Committee	400.00
Friends Committee on National Legislation	400.00
Friends World Committee for Consultation	400.00
Friends World Committee for Consultation, Midwest	130.00
Right Sharing of World Resources	300.00
Associated Committee of Friends on Indian Affairs	250.00
Friends for Lesbian and Gay Concerns	50.00
Chicago Fellowship of Friends Scholarship Fund	100.00
Pro-NICA	100.00
Olney Friends School	100.00
Scattergood Friends School	200.00
Earlham College	200.00
Earlham School of Religion	100.00
Quaker United Nations Office	50.00
Friends Committee on Unity with Nature	150.00
Friends Peace Teams	150.00
Project Lakota	<u>200.00</u>
Total Contributions	6,480.00

TOTAL BUDGET	\$28,188.15
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ANNUAL REPORTS Yearly Meeting Committees

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS (See Minute 21)

The Ad hoc Electronic Communications committee met three times and discussed two main issues related to electronic communication: email notification lists and the formation of a web site. We have the following proposed minutes for consideration at the yearly meeting.

Email lists: The Ad hoc Electronic Communications committee foresees that the management of electronic communications can change over time and whoever assumes the responsibilities of moderating email lists or a listserv should have a “back-up” person to help with the duties and to offer technical knowledge as needed.

Moderating duties should include:

1. Choosing what is appropriate to be sent to people on the mailing list.
2. Keeping the mailing list up-to-date.
3. Ensuring that communications are reformatted as text files.

Currently the Administrative Coordinator acts as moderator for a mailing list for IYM. To address the issues of privacy and readability access the following guidelines are recommended:

1. The existing list should be used for text-format announcements only, with no attachments. Such a policy should help assure that overly long messages not be sent to the list. Friends who submit a message not following this policy should be contacted and helped to submit a simple text message in its place. The moderator should correct any formatting so that the files are sent in text-format.
2. The list should include all individuals who request to be on it, but not automatically include all IYM Friends for whom email addresses are known. All monthly meeting clerks, recorders, and IYM representatives should also be placed on the list. Invitations to join the list should be made available at the yearly meeting sessions and if IYM approves the proposed establishment of a web site, on the web site. Information on how to remove oneself from the list should be included at the end of every message; anyone who requests to be removed should be removed.
3. Addresses should be removed from the list if mail sent to those addresses consistently bounces over a period of two weeks or longer.
4. Privacy of people on the list should be protected as much as technically possible. While using the current mode of the moderated email list, the policy of sending items using a format of "blind carbon copy" should be followed.

Web Site: The group recommends that IYM establish a web site to post the following information:

1. A “welcome” page, which includes information for contacting IYM clerk and Administrative Coordinator and dates/location of next Illinois Yearly Meeting. To simplify the IYM clerk's and Administrative Coordinator's email management, a separate email address should be established for accepting email coming from the web site.
2. Links for users to gain information:
 - a. About IYM

- b. Calendar of Events
- c. Member Meetings - The group proposes that each local meeting be contacted to seek approval of what the local meeting wants to see or not see posted about their meeting. This will insure that each meeting will control what is posted about their meeting. The Electronic Communications committee would assume this responsibility of gathering the information from each meeting.
- d. Publications - Initially the group recommends that the current Plummer Lecture, IYM Minutes, and *Among Friends* (a text version) be posted. In addition, the group recommends that an archive be established, posting past issues of the three publications.
- e. Search (ability to search the site to find information)
- f. IYM Registration information

The group considered the pros and cons of places to host the proposed web site and agreed that, initially, the site should be hosted at <http://www.quaker.org> with the address (url) to be <http://www.ilym.org>. (Indiana Yearly meeting has the domain name of iym.org.) The \$15 yearly cost of maintaining the domain name of ilym.org should come from the current Publications Committee's budget.

To help Friends visualize the web design, two prototypes will be presented to IYM as part of the proposal for their consideration. One design will include pictures and one will not. This group recommends that the design with pictures be accepted.

The recommendations of the Ad hoc Electronic Communications Committee should be presented to the Administrative Coordinator Oversight Committee for considerations that involve the Administrative Coordinator.

Continuation of Ad hoc Electronic Communications Committee. The group recommends that the ad hoc group continues for one more year. At the end of that year, the group will assess the need for the continuation of the group. The following members wish to continue to serve for the coming year: Beth Shobernd, Cindy Reynolds, David Finke, Dawn Amos, Pam Melick, Peter Lasersohn.

ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR OVERSIGHT (See Minute 23)

The Administrative Coordinator Oversight Committee met in St. Louis in January. Sharon Haworth, Administrative Coordinator (AC), told us at that time that she was pregnant, the baby was due in July and she could not predict how that would affect her ability to do the job during IYM sessions. We were prepared to handle that eventuality. None of us were prepared for little Nathan to be born nearly three months early. While this did affect Sharon's availability, she was able to accomplish all of the tasks to prepare for YM and Julia Pantoga was hired to take on AC duties during YM. The Committee met on Wednesday and will meet again briefly on Sunday to make plans for the coming year.

MINISTRY AND ADVANCEMENT (See Minute 26)

The work of the Ministry and Advancement Committee during the past year has reflected many of the joys and concerns that now face Illinois Yearly Meeting as active participation has decreased. Throughout the year, we received with great joy the ministry that a number of committee members and the field secretary have given to individual monthly meetings working with a variety of weighty and com-

plex issues. As a committee, we experienced the deep satisfaction of work done that was faithful to the movement of the Divine among us.

The committee met three times during the past year: IYM 2001; a January retreat hosted by St. Louis monthly meeting; and a May retreat hosted by Campaign-Urbana monthly meeting. Friend Maurine Pyle prepared a workshop on "Spiritual Mentorship" for the January retreat.

Efforts by the Nominating Committee to prayerfully seek additional members for the committee did not result in any IYM members stepping forward in service until after the 2002 annual session. Consequently, M & A struggled to rise to the task of providing visitation and IYM contact with all monthly meetings. Currently the committee consists of 10 members. Three are scheduled to rotate off and one has chosen to step down. Three new members are being put forward for the approval of the yearly meeting.

Ministry and Advancement would like to gratefully acknowledge the ministry that David Finke and Carol Zimmerman (who are going off the committee this year) have given to IYM. They have shown deep love for IYM, traveled many miles, shown remarkable persistence and dedication to Truth and brought unique gifts to their work.

As requested during the October session of the Continuing Committee, M & A considered the issue of "Advancement" as it appears in the committee's name. Members of M & A felt that the advancement work the committee does is in the visitation of the monthly meetings already in place. There was a strong sense among committee members that M & A is not prepared to take on any additional sense of "advancement" as it relate to outreach activities.

Ministry and Advancement members along with the IYM clerk and field secretary recently assisted Thorn Creek monthly meeting to move through the process of laying down its monthly meeting status. In May, M & A approved the following minute:

"The Ministry and Advancement committee unites with members of Thorn Creek to lay down their monthly meeting. We will work with them to transfer their memberships to other monthly meetings, and to help them change their status to a worship group under the care of another monthly meeting if that is their choice."

In July, M & A received the following communication from Thorn Creek:

"At its last business meeting, it was decided that Thorn Creek monthly meeting would change its status to that of a worship group. This was a difficult decision to make but one which has been pending for some time.

"Thorn Creek's members consist of two Quakers (one from out of town) and two attenders. It has been difficult to get more than two people together each week and to be known as a worship group is more appropriate to our situation. We are fortunate to have several meetings within reach for us to attend on an individual basis. Our thanks to Judy Erickson and Margaret Katranides for their continuing guidance as we proceed to alter our status in relation to Illinois Yearly Meeting."

Ministry and Advancement wishes to acknowledge that Thorn Creek has had a long history of faithful and loving ministry. Like all meetings, it has had its successes and disappointments. Thorn Creek Friends began to gather in 1972 in the south suburbs of Chicago. In 1973, Thorn Creek organized itself into a monthly meeting. IYM placed Thorn Creek under the care of Downers Grove for a year, finally approving monthly meeting status in 1974. It is difficult to consider the

changes that would lead to a monthly meeting being laid down, but equally important that IYM reflect the truth of the reality of its monthly meetings.

Throughout the year, M & A has spent much time in prayerful consideration of the role of the current field secretary. We have labored lovingly with Roxy Jacobs to provide guidance, support and clarity for her work as an IYM employee. One of the issues that arose during the year is the use of the field secretary's time on IYM committees. M & A would like to present the following minute in an effort to clarify the use of the field secretary's time:

“If committees of the yearly meeting wish to draw on the services of the field secretary, they should be aware that the field secretary has an oversight body (currently the M & A committee) that may need to be consulted. The time spent by the field secretary on IYM work is carefully allocated in consultation with this oversight body and changes need to be prayerfully considered. The M & A committee suggests that IYM adopt a policy that the field secretary not be appointed except by the field secretary oversight body to other IYM committees as field secretary. This does not apply to any committee appointment suggested by the Nominating committee to the field secretary as an individual member of IYM. We also ask that any concerns related to the work of the field secretary be referred to the oversight committee, rather than the field secretary. We suggest that the yearly meeting consider applying this policy to all staff members.”

Many pertinent items remain before the M & A committee as we prepare for another year. As we moved throughout the yearly meeting in visitation or through other means of communication, we have witnessed many encouraging and joyful events as well as receiving the concerns of the monthly meetings in prayer. As always, we gather together to corporately discern the will of the Divine for our ministry to IYM.

IYM PEACE TAX FUND REPORT (See Minute 35)

The Peace Tax Fund of Illinois Yearly Meeting has the following purpose, as minuted in the 1989 IYM Sessions: “Certain members of the Illinois Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, having examined their consciences regarding participation in war, feel led to refuse to pay taxes used for military purposes. Wishing to stand in unity with these members and attenders of Illinois Yearly Meeting Friends Meetings in their efforts to maintain the Quaker peace testimony, and in recognition and support of efforts other groups have made to redirect taxes to peaceful purposes, Illinois Yearly Meeting establishes the Illinois Yearly Meeting Friends Peace Tax Fund”

The fund's current status is as follows:

- Balance as of 6/14/2002: \$5,845.46
- Place of deposit: ShoreBank, Chicago, a socially responsible institution
- Interest earned in 2001 available for distribution to groups whose work furthers Friends' life-affirming principles: \$145
- Amount deposited in 2001: \$0
- Number of depositors: 5, none of whom made deposits in 2001

American Friends Service Committee received in 2001 interest earned in 2000. A check was mailed on Oct. 9 earmarked for relief work in Afghanistan. AFSC's early relief work was brought to our attention by the Quaker United Nations Office as the

only Quaker effort at that time. We departed from our customary practice of making gifts to several organizations given the urgency of circumstances.

As usual, I will consult with Oversight Committee members and Fund contributors for suggestions and consensus on organizations which would benefit from contributions from year 2001 earned interest. We seek to aid both local and international peacemaking efforts – most especially grass roots groups – and as always welcome suggestions for groups known to IYM Friends.

- Marcia Nelson, Clerk

FAITH AND PRACTICE COMMITTEE (See Minute 36)

The Faith & Practice committee of Illinois Yearly Meeting is currently working with the understanding that our task is TO DISCERN AND RECORD THE WAY THE MONTHLY MEETINGS OF THIS YEARLY MEETING ARE HEARING AND UNDERSTANDING THE SPIRIT'S GUIDANCE. Note that this is not the common element, or the lowest common denominator; nor is it what we ourselves might wish for Quakers, nor even what we believe the Spirit is attempting to say to these meetings, but what the meetings themselves are hearing and understanding. We are working with this understanding prayerfully, living into it, testing it. At present, it seems to be the faithful way forward.

We have met five times in the past year—three Saturday meetings and two weekend meetings. Our two weekend meetings were an experiment growing out of our current understanding of our task. They were hosted by two different monthly meetings, Duneland and Evanston. We were glad for these opportunities to interact with Friends, including Friends who might not be active in the Yearly Meeting, and to worship with these meetings. Each weekend also involved sharing one or more draft sections with our host meeting: reading through the text together, listening very carefully to their comments, answering questions. This experiment has seemed very constructive for all involved, and we are looking for two or three meetings willing to host us for similar weekend meetings in the coming year.

At IYM 2001, we shared copies of a draft section on Meeting for Business that was hardly more than an outline. In the past year, we have developed that outline into a draft whole enough to be shared at our weekend meetings, and we have received helpful feedback on it. We have also begun to collect information toward a section on Funerals and Memorial Meetings. Copies of all our current draft sections—Meeting for Business, a brief Introduction, Membership, and a History—are available in our display area. We very much welcome suggestions, comments, or questions from individuals. Dialogue is essential, if we are to write sections that reflect accurately the guidance being received by IYM's monthly meetings!

In books of Faith & Practice, the sections of excerpts from Quaker writers tend to be well-used and well-loved, even by Friends who seldom consult other parts of the book. They are a resource for individual Friends' lives. What would sections of excerpts look like, if they accurately reflected the people, the wisdom, and the spirituality of Illinois Yearly Meeting? We hope to gather together excerpts that have actually proven useful to IYM Friends: cherished quotations that guide our lives, passages from Quaker reading that are especially illuminating for us. We hope to include a range of perspectives that can honor the diversity that is sometimes our strength; we are especially interested in excerpts from Illinois YM Friends. F&P committee members have assembled a number of excerpts that have appealed to

them personally, but we need much wider input from IYM Friends. (Larry Stout has taken on collecting such excerpts; they can be sent to him in the text of an e-mail, <lstout@sun.iwu.edu>, or given to any F&P committee member, in any form.)

MAINTENANCE & PLANNING (See Minute 37)

M & P has had another year of hard work, good committee meetings & adventures with our YM's home. We met twice, both times here. We also met by conference call in February.

At our November meeting we cleared the brush & removed the old fence along the old western edge of the land. This made it possible for many of us here to park our cars on our new acre & easily walk to the meetinghouse.

At our Memorial Day work weekend we accomplished many tasks, including painting the basement stairway, painting the wainscoting in the west side of the meetinghouse, installing carpet strips at the west entrance to the meetinghouse, repairing the split rail fence, disposing of old paint, painting the front screen doors, installing 10 new electrical outlets in the campground (on the existing pole & 4 new posts), repairing bunk bed springs, replacing light bulb covers in dorm, hanging a door on the water heater room, planting new Ohio Buckeye & Shag Bark Hickory trees, mulching & pruning trees, and replacing the septic tank cover. All of this was accomplished with about half the usual number of participants.

Much of our time this year has been focused on dealing with the structural integrity of the building. We had noticed the soft spot in the floor near the east front door, and movement of the lower edge of the front (north) & the east walls of the meeting room away from the floor. We knew that at least one of the timbers supporting the building had rotted significantly, and that there was evidence of what we assumed was old termite damage.

In March we contracted with Robert Foulkes to repair the damage that we knew existed. This entailed lifting the northeast corner of the building and replacing one sill beam and two floor joists.

The stonework in the foundation was also repaired. An older repair done with cement block had provided convenient paths for termites to travel along. This was replaced with limestone (the original foundation material). Thanks to Carol Bartles' connections, the limestone was purchased very reasonably & delivered for free (by Carol). Finally, the mason donated his time & labor.

As is often the case with this type of project, the scale of work needed is much greater than originally anticipated. Robert identified 4 areas with active termites & 2 areas with significant moisture. Termites cannot live without water.

The committee is moving forward to remedy the moisture issues. Yesterday we met & approved contracting with a roofing company to repair or replace (as necessary) the roof over the east tool shed, because a leak has developed. This water is supporting one termite colony. A temporary extension on the downspout at the northeast corner is also in place.

Tomorrow you will hear a report from the Site Envisioning & Building Committee that advises the YM to have a complete structural survey of the building undertaken. M&P supports that proposal.

We ask the YM to pray for the committee this year. The scope of the work facing the committee is unknown but still significant. A subcommittee of M&P will

work intensively on the structural issues. This subcommittee will be clerked by Brent Eckert, and consist of Bob Bell, Jerry Nurenberg and Chip Rorem. Hopefully one other Friend will join this group.

Bill Howenstine & I will work on the application for a grant from the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, one possible source of funding. Friends, in addition to your prayers we need your financial support. Over the past three years donations to the site fund have declined. Please request your Monthly Meetings to make a donation to the site fund. We also welcome donations from individual Friends.

I was unable to attend the work weekend, and it has been exciting for me to walk around & see all the improvements. So many projects may seem small, and may go unnoticed. Members of M&P & several other dedicated friends put in uncountable hours to maintain this property. Please thank them when you get the chance.

It has been my pleasure & honor to serve as clerk of this committee for two years. I am stepping down this year, and Brent Eckert will take on this job. Thank you for letting me serve you in this way.

- Marie White

FINANCE COMMITTEE (See Minute 39)

1. Finance Committee has been researching resources that might aid IYM's financial future. Friends' Fiduciary Corporation now offers planned giving services for Friends' organizations beyond Philadelphia Yearly Meeting. Illinois Yearly Meeting Friends may choose to establish a charitable gift annuity or a charitable remainder trust, with IYM and/or another Friends organization receiving the balance upon the death of the last income beneficiary. Administrative costs and responsibilities are not incurred by IYM.

2. Two Quaker foundations offer grants in the several thousand dollar range for which IYM would be eligible to apply. The Charleston Fund specializes in meetinghouse needs. The Chace Foundation places a lower priority on structure needs but is more interested in special projects involving Friends' testimonies or youth work.

Because the meetinghouse is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, Illinois Yearly Meeting would be eligible to apply for a State of Illinois Heritage Grant. We would be reimbursed for 60% of eligible work, up to \$25,000.

All of these grants have calendar cycles. We are sharing the information with the Site Envisioning and Building Committee and the Maintenance and Planning Committee.

3. We continue to study the issue of incorporation for Illinois Yearly Meeting to update our original Trustee status. It has come to our attention that some monthly meeting property is held in title in part by Illinois Yearly Meeting. We will write to monthly meetings to establish an inventory of these resources. If we do proceed with incorporation it will be necessary also to re-register titles on property.

4. The Quaker Volunteer Service Network Fund has been laid down, as planned.

5. We received a most generous anonymous gift this year. We recommend that IYM establish a Special Gifts Fund for unrestricted larger gifts and all unrestricted bequests. We would work on some principles to define what would go into the Special Gifts Fund and how to spend it so that it serves us over time or for special needs, so as not to distort our annual budget. We ask the Meeting's approval to establish the Fund.

6. We propose that up to \$10,000 be used from the Special Gifts Fund to pay for a thorough professional structural assessment (architectural, drainage, termites, etc.) of the meetinghouse and a survey of the condition of the junior yearly meetinghouse and dormitory. A proposal on this will be coming from the Site Envisioning and Building Committee. If the price of the professional assessment exceeds \$10,000, Friends should consult first with the Finance Committee and Continuing Committee before making further expenditures.
7. To simplify our financial operations we recommend that the Field Secretary and Administrative Coordinator Funds be combined into a single Staff Fund to provide for the salaries and associated costs of IYM staff. Travel and office expenditures for staff would be budgeted each year in our operating fund.
8. We will be continuing our 3-year audit schedule for Roger Laughlin's 2000-2001 year. We will omit Pat Wixom's audit for 1997-1998 because those records have gone to archives. Pat Wixom's previous audit for 1994-1995 was reported in the 1996 Minutes.
9. For easy reference we recommend that the existing procedures and rates for the use of the site for special events be a regular item in the Minute Book, as we do with the IYM travel policy.
10. We will continue our work on a proposal for advancing development work within IYM and will report more on Saturday.
11. We recommend the following monthly meeting contribution per adult resident member:

General Fund	\$60
Site Fund	25 (\$5 increase)
Youth Fund	5
Staff Fund	<u>50</u>
Total Gift	\$140

Our last increase was approved in 1999. This is the start to what is likely to be a substantial site need. Meetings should indicate what portion of their gift they wish to have go to each of the four funds.

YOUTH OVERSIGHT (See Minute 46)

The Youth Oversight Committee has worked at expanding our vision over the last several years, and continues to do so. Our handbook description is appropriately brief, so we explore what it means to "Oversee the Youth."

One of our primary responsibilities is to help the high school age Friends plan retreats and their activities and business at IYM. The IYM Young Friends have a tradition of planning their own program, so we try to maintain the right oversight so that events happen while allowing the Young Friends to develop their leadership. We have erred both in dominating their work, and in not helping them follow through with plans as we strive to find that balance.

This year we sent Will Alsup and Greg Woods to the clerking workshop at Pendle Hill in the fall. In December, a well-planned joint middle school and high school retreat at Evanston fell through when not enough teens registered, but there was a successful retreat at Easter on the IYM grounds, with about 7 Young Friends. In July most of the Young Friends here at IYM went to FGC for which Casey Kashnig has served as one of the teen clerks. We had two committee meetings during the year in conjunction with Continuing Committee. This IYM, Katharine

Jager, a young Friend who graduated in 1994, is back to help lead the Young Friends program.

One of our biggest efforts this year has been on outreach; we would like to be in touch with the middle school and high school age Friends in all of IYM's meetings, as well as with the parents and adults who may be running programs for their meetings. We hope that this effort will help Quaker teens know each other, grow the IYM teen program, and help adult leaders connect in their work. We ask that you help us in this effort by giving contact information to any member of Youth Oversight. Adult leaders may also want to visit our committee or volunteer to serve on Youth Oversight as well.

In order to help with outreach, Ann Eckert is working on a flyer we can distribute to meetings, as well as a retreat planning packet, so we can put more of our energy into program and people. The Young Friends are also working on outreach to their peers both within IYM and in other yearly meetings.

We have rarely taken oversight of the middle school age Friends, although it is in our committee description. We do not have clarity as to how much we should try to oversee that group, and invite especially parents to talk to us about that. One of our efforts has been to develop expectations for that age group, which we distributed for the first time at this Yearly Meeting, and we hope have been helpful.

The Youth Oversight fund has grown more than we've spent, and has a balance of close to \$5000. However, since an important purpose of the fund is to help Young Friends participate in events, it may be a reflection of several years of fewer teens participating, and we hope that the balance will go down as the Young Friends program grows.

In 1998, when IYM agreed to send a representative to the YouthQuake steering committee, Kai Immler agreed to fund 1/3 of the expected \$3000 cost of participating over the 3 year commitment period. The committee feels that our participation in the YouthQuake steering committee is vital for our yearly meeting, our youth and for the Society of Friends. We have become clear that we should make it possible for us to continue to have a representative, without asking them to be able to put forth those funds. It is unclear from the 1998 minute whether this requires any action on the part of IYM, but we can easily cover these costs for the foreseeable future, and invite insight from Friends so we can bring any required action to our next sessions.

-Mark Robinson and Ann Eckert, Co-clerks

SITE ENVISIONING AND BUILDING

Site Envisioning and Building Committee Minute

Over the past year, the Site Envisioning and Building Committee has actively sought insights into the needs and visions of Illinois Yearly Meeting. We have been blessed with contributions from two workshops, a focus group, committee meetings, field trips to other facilities, meetings with 6 IYM Meetings, meetings with the Quarterly and General Meeting in IYM as well as input from other IYM Committees. We conducted a survey of all people in IYM.

By and large, we found a high consistency with the various inputs and the more precise questionnaire and its results. All these activities and contributions have helped this committee better understand the spiritual strength of this place as well as its physical limitations.

Our top priorities are to preserve the Meeting House, improve the eating and food preparation facilities, improve sleeping quarters, improve restroom and shower facilities. All these should be done while addressing barriers to accessibility, youth and adult-program growth, and year around use.

We seek to develop a plan that allows the continuous contributions and guidance of our future Friends.

At this 2002 Annual Session of IYM, we request IYM continue the Site Envisioning and Building Committee as an ad hoc committee. We request approval of the attached program to guide next year's SE and B Committee as they produce site development and building plans.

We recommend a thorough evaluation of all the existing facilities by a professional team consisting of an architect, general contractor, structural engineer, termite inspector, and a member of the Site Envisioning and Building Committee.

Summary of Program for McNabb Grounds and Buildings

General Considerations

- Be guided by Simplicity.
- Buildings to be subordinate and respectful to the Meeting House in all ways, including style, size, and position.
- Use environmentally responsible materials, in harmony with surrounding landscape.
- Maximize natural ventilation and cooling and other alternative or earth-friendly technologies.
- Plan for acoustic review by sound specialist for all interior spaces.
- Architecturally integrate solutions with surrounding Quaker and indigenous agricultural buildings and building groupings.
- Organize buildings across the site to allow for growth and meditative outdoor spaces between buildings.
- Sensitively employ existing structures or their materials.
- Develop final design solutions with an enlightened attitude that satisfies code requirements, economic viability and most importantly, spiritual intent.

Meeting House

- Preserve this building – the heart of this place.

Kitchen

- Develop a new professional-style kitchen at grade level with re-used existing equipment as much as possible.

Dining Space

- Develop new Dining Room at grade level that can seat a minimum of 120 to 150 persons comfortably for a meal at one time.

Sleeping Space

- Develop a variety of interior sleeping spaces for a minimum of 100 persons in summer and 30 year round. All must have ideal cross ventilation, and ample windows and as much direct access to outside as possible.

Storage

- Develop storage.

Vehicles

- With new buildings, consider re-routing driveway to loop around buildings rather than cut between them for safety and continuity of outdoor space.

QUAKER VOLUNTEER SERVICE, TRAINING AND WITNESS COMMITTEE (See Minute 62)

The Quaker Volunteer Service and Training Committee has been at a low level of activity as a committee at the same time that Project Lakota and activity in Duneland and South Bend have at least opened the thought process for direction within the committee.

QVSTC assumed a joint oversight role for Project Lakota with Columbia and St. Louis Meetings last year as Greg Woods and Candy Boyd joined the committee and asked that their project be taken under our care. Their efforts have been in raising money to provide scholarships and to assist with materials for a summer work camp operated by an AFSC-Intermountain Yearly Meeting program led by Mike Gray. Ten to twelve IYM Friends have either participated or are expected to participate by the end of this year. Others have joined through word of mouth communication with these Friends. We have received the financial report from Project Lakota for the past year showing that approximately \$20,000 has been raised toward a goal of \$32,000 to provide materials for a log house for a Lakota family. Beyond current pledges there is a need for \$10,500. Contributions earmarked for Project Lakota are being accepted by Pat Wixom, Treasurer of Columbia Meeting.

QVSTC will design and distribute a brochure on Project Lakota to send to the Monthly Meetings. This will provide information on how to join the workcamps, offer some of Greg Woods' reflections on what this workcamp experience can mean, and describe the need for funds and how to contribute.

The committee heard a report on a project carried out by South Bend and Duneland Meetings to meet a clear need of one their own families where maintenance needs outstripped financial resources and personal skills. Combining family funds for materials with the time and skills of people in the two meetings, they were able to transform a maintenance problem into a stabilized and much more comfortable house. This was done on a fairly intense three-day weekend. The leadership problem was in identifying the work, deciding what was possible with the likely participants, and then helping the group work along the edge of the possible to completion. Tasks included managing food for the group. Meeting for Worship was held in the house on First Day.

How can this kind of service to our own community grow and should it? We have failed in the past when monthly meetings have needed help and have, perhaps, failed to recognize solvable needs of individuals. We are a community of meetings and individuals with property related needs that sometimes get out of reach. Is there a sense that we should be taking some of this on? Can we learn to manage our limited time, energy, and resources for this? Do we want our children to grow up experiencing a community that addresses these needs?

The committee still maintains an oversight role for Q-VISION, the national steering committee that grew out of the 1997 Burlington (NJ) conference that our committee planned. That group is planning a consultation on internships as a dimension of service. Now administratively based at Earlham College, they still ask for our oversight.

The work of the committee in the next year is discernment. What is our role in the advancement of practical service to each other and to the wider community? In particular, what is our role in providing opportunity for young and not so young

Friends to experience the deep satisfaction in putting hands to the practical needs of their own community? Rooted in this, how do we provide opportunity and encouragement to them to temporarily join other communities and learn how to work side by side with them on problems they can use help with? We ask to be held in the Light as we work on these questions, and that Friends share their experiences and ideas with us.

-Jerry Nurenberg, Clerk, Quaker Volunteer Service and Training Committee

PUBLICATIONS

Publications within IYM has proceeded much as in recent years: we issued a minutebook, the previous year's Plummer Lecture, and 2 issues of *Among Friends*. Although we pay our vendors for some of the goods and services, a great deal of volunteer effort makes all of this possible: contributed writing and photographic talents, skillful layout and design work, and scores of hours of "bindery" effort – folding, collating, stitching, trimming, packing, and distributing.

The "electronic revolution" in publishing has been manifest in several ways: On the one hand, the yearly meeting has supported a hard-working ad hoc committee to look at how we are extending our concept of "publishing" to include e-mail, discussion lists and "listservs," web-pages, and the Internet generally – consistent with goals of dignity, respect, openness, organizational accountability, and personal privacy. This has included broad consultation with Continuing Committee, yearly meeting officers and staff, presentations at this year's annual sessions, and the Administrative Coordinator's oversight group. Reports of these processes and outcomes are contained elsewhere. But the Publication Committee rejoices that there has been so much responsiveness and attentiveness to the challenges and opportunities brought to us by newer technology.

On the other hand, we have continued to see advances and refinements in how electronic capacity has enhanced our traditional print products. Most documents now come to editors in readily-editable electronic form: e-mail, floppy disk, or CD-ROM. Seldom does something need to be "re-keyed" anymore. And as Friends increasingly have electronic cameras, we are saving money – and often but not always improving quality – by getting "digital files" which can frequently be enhanced before the final film-and-plate stage in pre-press. Friends have been generous in supplying a broad range of photos from which we can choose, in all our publications.

Among Friends seems to have stabilized at around 28 pages, and we actually came in under our budget... which we were then able to contribute back to other IYM needs. The fall issue was particularly timely, in being able to share broadly the results of Friends' faithful witness to our historic Peace Testimony, in the face of tragedy and violence. And, as usually is the case, the spring issue helped prepare us all for more fruitful consideration of issues coming before the annual business sessions. By observing the editor's deadlines, local meeting representatives and contributing writers can help all this happen in good order.

The teamwork with our new Administrative Coordinator, Plummer lecturers, and our magazine's editor has been particularly gratifying to the clerk of this committee. We hope the circle will continue to extend even wider, to include all those with creative talents that we can use in our work of being Publishers of Truth.

-David Finke

ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS

Every so often, a committee and/or a Yearly Meeting should review its initial goals, activities and present focus. This report is an attempt to do that. Friends have quick ways of communicating other than the Internet. At FGC (July 1987) at Oberlin College, Marshall Massey, a Colorado Friend, presented a visionary message for Friends to be concerned and act with diligence on the environmental concerns that face Friends, and indeed all Americans. Over the following year, Friends Committee on Unity with Nature was organized. However, within a month, Bill Howenstine shared this concern at Illinois Yearly Meeting (July 1987, Minutes #12, 24 and page 24) for an Ad Hoc Report. "...The purpose is to increase the number of Friends that will seek a harmonious unity with our environment. We see this as primarily a matter of sacred and spiritual importance. We have been given only one precious, unique and beautiful world. To assure its continuing life, we must now make very basic changes in the way we humans live on and in it..."

Lew Walton, Lake Forest MM, was the first Convener of an IYM committee on Environmental Concerns of 7 Friends (1987). Al Dupree served as convener for 1988-90, C.R. Chaney and R.L. Wixom, Co-Clerks (1991), N. Pavlovic and R.L. Wixom, Co-Clerks (1992), N. Pavlovic and Carol Prombo, Co-Clerks (1993), N. Pavlovic, Clerk, (1994-00), and N. Pavlovic and R.L. Wixom, Co-Clerks (2001-02). We warmly appreciate the inspired and dedicated committee leadership of Noel Pavlovic for 10 years and now send him and his spouse, Sarah, to begin service on the FCUN Steering Committee (2001 plus). Our IYM Committee grew from the initial 7 to a high of 18 members in 1991 and has subsequently declined to the present 11 members. The Committee has met 1-2 times per year, initially mainly in homes and more recently at IYM, McNabb.

Our IYM-ECC Committee has always been close to FCUN subsequent to 1988. Bill and Alice Howenstine were charter members of the first FCUN Steering Committee; as Treasurer; Alice has been a faithful steward of FCUN money for 10 years (1992-2002). Bill was the initial clerk of FCUN (1987-88, 1990-93) and was later the initial Clerk of the Ann Kriebel/San Luis Committee of FCUN (1994-99); now this sustainable agriculture project in Costa Rica at the foot of the Monteverde mountain has 24 parceleros with the initial loans paid off last year. Bob Wixom also serves on this AK/SL Committee. Bob Wixom joined the FCUN Steering Committee in 1991, and soon proposed an FCUN Sustainability Committee to provide tangible support to the planning of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, June 3-14, 1992. Subsequently FCUN adopted a Minute (1998) of "Ecological Sustainability", stating that "...FCUN believes that Sustainability is a concept that relates to all our Testimonies, relates each of them to the future, and helps to weave them together in our lives. Peace without Equality...or Community without Sustainability...or Sustainability without Simplicity, tend to become meaningless; each enriches the others in a prophetic way that challenges our work in society and our care for the Earth..."

In 1998, our IYM-ECC distributed queries on Sustainability to each Monthly Meeting in IYM and wrote a Report for IYM, stating, "...God's gift of consciousness and intelligence has charged us with a sacred responsibility to use wisely the world's resources in a spirit of stewardship within God's overall purpose. In this light, we suggest that Sustainability is a rightful concern of Friends..." (See IYM Minutes, 1999).

The above events had many parallel negotiations around the world, leading to the adoption of a revised Earth Charter (Mar. 2000, 4 pp.) by the United Nations and now approved by FCUN (Oct. 2001 Minutes). Copies of both statements are on the FCUN literature table. Friends and their respective Monthly Meetings are encouraged to find a copy, study and discuss it in a group meeting, and apply the principles in these key documents in their respective Meetings.

For the past year, our IYM-ECC has met by telephone and together with the FCUN Steering Committee (Quaker Hill, Richmond, IN, May 10-12, 2002) (See the FCUN Report to IYM). Our next Committee Meeting will probably be on the Memorial Day weekend, May 23-26, 2003 at Clear Creek, McNabb. During the coming year, the Committee will review our earlier goals and related past activities to look for a possible revised focus. Other Friends are invited to share in the discussions by sending their written comments to the Clerk (RLW).

-Prepared by Noel Pavlovic and Robert L. Wixom, Co-Clerks

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

This past year RE committee continued to promote programs and materials among meetings that support and encourage people to discuss and review facets of beliefs, values, and Quakerism.

In October and March the committee met in the home of Grayce Haworth Mesner in Lacon, IL. The committee projects centered on workshops at IYM and distribution of publications among meetings.

At IYM in 2001 we sponsored two workshops. Bonnie Oulman offered a program on "Spirit Leadings in Our Relationships" over 2 days. In a one day session program Betty Clegg and Chris Jocius presented (repeated once) a reading and discussion on the inspirational writings of Bradford Smith in his Pendle Hill pamphlet "Dear Gift of Life: A Man's Encounter With Death". Both workshops were well received by participants.

This spring we distributed 2 publications to meetings. In a pamphlet Marty Walton reviews aspects of meeting communities "The Meeting Experience: Practicing Quakerism in Community" (Argenta Friends Press, 1997). The other title is "Truth in Action" (edited by Martha G. Smith, 2001 and published by the Religious Education Concerns Group of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting), in a loose-leaf format and based on Wilmer Cooper's pamphlet "The Testimony of Integrity". Younger Friends developed this publication to focus on 4 lessons on integrity for K-12 level groups.

As an experiment, "The Traveling Library" collection of books was based at Northside Meeting for a few months for use by people there. This will be reviewed by the committee.

Suggestions and comments on RE are welcomed.

-Chris Jocius, for the committee

REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

FRIENDS FOR LESBIAN AND GAY CONCERNS (See Minute 58)

As is customary, FLGC gathered twice during the last year. The February Midwinter Gathering was held at the Illinois Beach State Park in Zion. A number of Friends from Northside were on the planning committee for this gathering.

Friends from Northside and Evanston Monthly Meetings assisted with on-site registration and welcoming those attending. Thirty-one Friends from six monthly meetings affiliated with Illinois Yearly Meeting attended the Midwinter Gathering. This represents a significant increase in attendance by Friends from IYM. As these gatherings are held at locations on both the east and west coasts as well as in the midwest, cost is often a factor which limits participation of Friends from IYM. FLGC has made scholarship money to assist Friends in attending gatherings a priority. Contributions from yearly and monthly meetings add to the financial support for such scholarships.

During Meetings for Worship with a Concern for Business at both the Midwinter Gathering and the FGC Gathering, discernment on our name was a focus. There has been a concern for a number of years that the name FLGC is not representative of our membership. In part this concern has centered on the presence of transgendered Friends who are active in FLGC but not represented in our name. A new name is being seasoned and will be further considered at the FLGC Midwinter Gathering in Santa Fe in February 2003.

-Submitted by Colleen Reardon

FRIENDS COMMITTEE ON UNITY WITH NATURE (FCUN)

FCUN had two major meetings this past year. The fall Annual Meeting was held Oct. 11-14, 2002 in a Baptist Church camp near Durango, CO. An approved change in the bylaws will enable FCUN to become more accountable to the Yearly Meetings by making their appointed representatives to be full members of the Steering Committee. Thus, the Steering Committee has now 21 representatives from 16 Yearly Meetings and 22 at large members. The Executive Committee was expanded to include the clerks of all FCUN Standing Committees.

We adopted a statement, "FCUN grieves at the violence, suffering and destruction of September 11, 2001. We abhor the hatred and violence that led to the attacks and follow in their wake.... We must examine the root causes of the escalating violence against humanity and our planet. We need to take this opportunity to reflect on and to nurture the interconnectedness of all of God's creation" (See the full 0.5 page statement in BeFriending Creation -14, #6, p.3 (Nov. 2001).

We enjoyed the vibrant fall colors and the lofty mountain scenery in this southwestern corner of Colorado. We heard the evening bugle call of a nearly male elk, saw the scat of a black bear a short distance from our camp and marveled at the stately 100 ft. ponderosa pines within the campground. Full committee reports will be combined later with the spring reports. A highlight was the Sunday visit to worship with the Durango Friends, and then lunch with friends (and one Friends couple) in the nearby Heartwood Co-Housing Community, an inspiring group of people with many Earth-friendly designs and construction methods. To wind up our visit, 14 of us visited the nearby Mesa Verde National Park, where Anasazi people lived a 1000 years ago in high cliff dwellings, usually in a large cave. We were amazed at their ancient, but simple, skills plus their religious cohesion in an agrarian economy.

The FCUN Steering Committee met for the weekend of May 9-12, 2002 at the Quaker Hill Conference Center, close to nearby FUM headquarters and Earlham College. Their key buildings are a large majestic home of an earlier Quaker and a recent residence building; both are surrounded by stately, tall trees. Nearby is

Whitewater Creek, its ravine and its waterfalls, where we found many fossils of an earlier geologic era.

The Spiritual Nurturance Committee encourages all to develop a “sense of place” during our FCNL Meeting; “be mindful of where we are”. The Quaker Eco-Witness wrote this spring to FCUN, stating “A dangerous result of September 11th is putting climate change at the bottom of the U.S. Agenda. Our government’s current (energy) policies violate the moral precepts of all of our nation’s faith traditions.... Our nation’s religious leadership understands this. Friends have an opportunity to enable FCNL to become a voice on energy policy, both for us and for all the nation’s faith communities.”

FCUN’s Sustainability Committee has moved step-by-step from an approved 1998 Minute on “Ecological Sustainability as a FCUN Witness,” to-a-trifold on the same subject (1999) and has now an excellent Ecological Sustainability Study Guide (2001). I recommend it for all Monthly Meetings in Illinois Yearly Meeting and elsewhere. Several Friends will attend on our behalf the World Summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg, South Africa, Fall 2002.

One of our new committees, Quaker Eco-Witness, focuses on gathering “information and actions to address public policy for an Ecologically Sustainable World.” The earlier Quaker Eco-Bulletin has moved from the Environmental Working Group of Philadelphia Yearly meeting to Quaker Eco-Witness and will be distributed as an insert in BeFriending Creation and on the FCUN website (<http://www.fcun.org>). Other FCUN committees moved along in planned paths.

Our next Annual FCUN Meeting will be October 9-12, 2002 in Burlington, VT, with the theme “Sustainable Small Cities”. In the above brief specifics and others not mentioned, FCUN endeavors “to be guided by the Light Within us to participate in the healing of the Earth”.

-Prepared by Robert L. Wixom, IYM Representative to FCUN

FRIENDS ASSOCIATION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION (FAHE)

(See Minute 60)

FAHE held its 23rd annual meeting on the campus of Wilmington College, Wilmington, Ohio on the 6th Month 20-23, 2002. The College buildings, surrounded by spacious green lawns and handsome tall trees, are named after leading earlier Quakers – Jim M. Read, Thomas Kelly, Samuel Marble, Clarence Pickett and others. Several of the founding members of FAHE – Canby Jones and Sterling Olmsted, now senior faculty at Wilmington, were honored at a Thursday evening program.

Some 174 Quaker faculty attended – 89 from 11 Quaker colleges, 62 from other universities, 3 from Friends High Schools, 7 from Quaker organizations and 13 from other organizations (figures are approximate). Since 2/3s to 3/4ths have attended several times before, friendships were quickly renewed and conversations were animated throughout the weekend.

The selected theme “Educating for Peace and Social Justice” was addressed in four Plenary Sessions and six Sessions for 55 Presentations on 6th and 7th days. Obviously they were not all attended nor can be reported. To provide the flavor of the Presentations, some titles were: Teaching 9/11: Quaker Perspectives; Theological Visions for Peace and Social Justice; Capstone Seminar in Social Justice; Giving Voice to Third World Peace Builders; How Does a Biologist Help Students

2002 DIRECTORY OF MONTHLY MEETINGS AND WORSHIP GROUPS

BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL MONTHLY MEETING

10:30am Call for location
Mail to Clerk: Larry Stout, Business: First
Wednesday, 7:30pm

CLEAR CREEK MONTHLY MEETING

Quaker Lane, McNabb IL 61335, 11am
815-882-2214
Mail to Clerk: Clance Wilson,
Business: varies

MACOMB WORSHIP GROUP

(under the care of Clear Creek Mtg.)
10 am
Contact: Nora Vera-Godwin,

COLUMBIA MONTHLY MEETING

6408 Locust Grove Rd. East, Columbia MO
573-474-1827
10:30am (9:30 2nd First Day)
Mail to Clerk: Nan George
Business: Second First Day, 10:30am

DECATUR MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

10am at DOVE, 800 E. Clay St., Decatur (call)
Mail to Clerk:
Allen Treadway,
Business: varies

FRIENDS MEETING OF SPRINGFIELD

(under the care of Decatur Mtg.)
First Day worship, 10:30am in homes
Clerk: Peg Kruger,

DEKALB MONTHLY MEETING

Gurler House, 2nd and Pine Sts in DeKalb
10:30am
Mail to Clerk: Dan Griffiths,
Business: 3rd First Day, 1pm
(Information from 1993.)

DOWNERS GROVE FRIENDS MEETING

5710 Lomond Ave, Downers Grove IL 60516
10:30am 630-968-3861
Mail to Clerk: Andrea Anderson
Business: 2nd First Day, 9am

DUNELAND FRIENDS MEETING

813 George St., Valparaiso IN 46385
10 am worship, sharing and singing follow worship
Clerk: Noel Pavlovic,
Business: 3rd First Day, 11:30 - 12:45pm

EVANSTON MEETING OF FRIENDS

1010 Greenleaf Street, Evanston IL 60202
10am 847-864-8511
Mail to Clerk: Kenneth Laughlin,
Business: 3rd First Day, 11:30am

FIFTY-SEVENTH ST. MEETING OF FRIENDS

5615 S. Woodlawn, Chicago IL 60637
10:30am 773-288-3066
Contact: Polly Boyajian,
Business: 3rd First Day, 12:45pm

LAKE FOREST FRIENDS MEETING

10:30am at West Old Elm and Ridge Rds.,
Lake Forest IL 60045 847-234-8410
Mail to: PO Box 95, Lake Forest IL 60045
Clerk: David Shiner,
Business: 1st First Day, 9am

McHENRY COUNTY FRIENDS MEETING

In homes, worship 5pm, potluck 6pm
Mail to: William Howenstine,
Business: 1st First Day, 4:00pm

MILWAUKEE MONTHLY MEETING

3224 N. Gordon Pl, Milwaukee WI 53212
10:15 am 414-263-2111
Mail to Clerk: George Owen,
Business: 2nd First Day, 11:45am

PS IN ILLINOIS YEARLY MEETING

NORTHSIDE FRIENDS MEETING

4427 N. Clark, Chicago IL 60640 11:00am
Mail to: P.O. Box 408429, Chicago, IL 60640
773-784-2155

Clerk: Marie White,
Business: 1st First Day, after worship & potluck

OAK PARK MONTHLY MEETING

Oak Park Art League, 720 Chicago Ave.,
Oak Park IL 10am
Mail to: P.O. Box 3245, Oak Park, IL 60303-3245
Or to Clerk: Judy Erickson
Business: 2nd First Day after worship

OSHKOSH MONTHLY MEETING

419 Boyd St., Oshkosh WI 54901
10:30am 920-232-1460
Mail to: PO Box 403, Oshkosh WI 54903

Business: 2nd First Day, noon

PEORIA-GALESBURG FRIENDS MEETING

220 N. Chambers, Galesburg IL 10am
Clerk: Jan Lotz,
Business: 1st First Day

ROCK VALLEY FRIENDS MEETING

326 N. Avon St, Rockford IL 61101
11am 815-964-7416
Mail to Clerk: Ann Eckert,
Business: 2nd Tuesday, 7 pm

ST. LOUIS RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

1001 Park, St. Louis MO 63104
10:30am 314-588-1122
Mail to: 1001 Park, St. Louis MO 63104
Clerk: Rebecca Acquisto,
Business: 2nd First Day, 12:15 pm

Friends Meeting of ROLLA (Preparative)
(under the care of St. Louis Mtg.)
Wesley Foundation House, 1106 N. Pine St.,
Rolla, MO 65401 10:30am
Mail to Clerk: Rose Doty,
Business: 3rd First Day, after worship

SOUTH BEND FRIENDS MEETING

10:30 a.m. Call for location
Mail to: 60255 Myrtle Rd.,
South Bend IN 46614

Clerk: Jerry Nurenberg,
Business: 2nd First Day, 9 a.m.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS FRIENDS MEETING

Mail to: Interfaith Center, 913 S. Illinois Ave.,
Carbondale IL 62901 10am
Clerk: Lisa Zee,
Business: 4th First Days, 11:15

THORN CREEK WORSHIP GROUP

10 am
Mail to Clerk: Virginia Parker
Business: Third First Day, 11am

URBANA-CHAMPAIGN FRIENDS MEETING

Illinois Disciples Foundation,
610 E. Springfield, Champaign IL 11am
Mail to: P.O. Box 34, Urbana IL 61803
217-328-5853
Clerk: Peter Lasersohn,
Business: 3rd First Day, 12:30pm

INDEPENDENT WORSHIP GROUP

HEARTLAND WORSHIP GROUP

11am
Contact: Roy and Carolyn Treadway,

Respond to Bioterrorism; Reflective Practitioners for Peaceful Schools; Teaching Peace Psychology; The Development of Character for Global Social Change. Douglas Bennett, President of Earlham College, reported on Plowshares, a peace studies collaboration of Goshen (Mennonite) College, Manchester (Brethren) College and Earlham College (Friends). Bob Wixom, a WWII C.O., emphasized the need for Friends Meetings, as well as Quaker Colleges, to be involved in Peace Education of Quaker youth.

Irwin Abrams, Quaker and History Professor at Antioch College, has revised his thorough book, *The Nobel Peace Prize and the Laureates—An Illustrated Biographical History (1901-2001)*, Centennial Edition (Ed.2) 350 pp. The book includes biographies, bibliographies, surveys, tables and photographs. The Director of the Norwegian Nobel Institute writes, “Irwin Abrams is the leading world-wide authority on the history of the Nobel Peace Prize. This book shows why!” We suggest that the reader look up: Jane Adams (1931), AFSC (1947) Martin Luther King (1964), Amnesty International (1977), IPPNW (1985), Doctors Without Borders (1999), Kofi A. Annan and the UN (2001). This writer highly recommends that every Friends Meeting Library should have a copy (write to Science History Publications, P.O. Box 493, Canton, MA 02021-0493; \$35.00).

The key item at the FAHE Meeting for Business was our adoption of the “Global Sullivan Principles of Social Responsibility”, a nine page statement “for corporate and institutional conduct, which defines a fundamental platform of human rights for all workers in all industries in all nations” (July 20, 2001) with eight specific Principles. One newspaper wrote about Rev. Leon Sullivan, “Prophets do not have a magic wand. They point the way, hard though it may be. Prophets do not live forever. They count on us to complete the journey.” These general principles for business life are being modified to the Global Sullivan Principles for Higher Education; President Tom Tritton, Haverford College, is Co-Chair of the latter Steering Committee. For further information and a full draft, contact FAHE, or Global Sullivan Principles, 5040 East Shea Blvd., Suite 260, Phoenix, AZ 85254-4687.

The quarterly FAHE newsletter keeps us in touch throughout the year. Our next meeting will be June 26-29, 2003 at Pendle Hill and Swarthmore College with members of FAHE and FCE present. The theme will be “Quaker Education, K-12, Higher Education – Life-Long Learning and Life-Long Action”.

-Prepared by Robert L. Wixom, IYM Representative to FAHE

REPORT FROM FCNL GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING

As the only representative from Illinois able to attend the FCNL Annual Meeting this past year, I should have drafted a report on my way home. Having failed to do so, I must offer the following, which reflects the more lasting impressions of that event.

While the main item calling for a decision by the representatives was adoption of a revised policy statement on the Environment, the tone of the meeting was much affected by the events of September 11, less than two months earlier. We honored Rep. Barbara Lee for her lonely vote against President Bush’s call for war. There were letters and resolutions, none very memorable.

For me the most compelling speaker was a young woman whose name I can

neither recall nor find. She is a former intern at FCNL who spoke from her experience of working for Save the Children in Afghanistan during the Taliban regime. She didn't like the Taliban much. She said it was like living in a neighborhood where a street gang had taken over. But the key story in her talk was of a drive from the airport to town (I forget which town) when the UN bus gave a ride to two Taliban unable to squeeze into their own vehicle. Lo and behold, one spoke English and was in a mood to talk about why he was Taliban. The other, at his companion's urging, provided a love song to while away the trip.

The point of all this? The Taliban, like all enemy groups in all wars, are human, misguided, perhaps, and willing to lord it over anyone weaker than they, but human. Humans are reachable if we have the faith and love to reach out, and if we are ready to seize the moment when it comes. It is a lesson we human Quakers need to review again and again.

As for the environmental policy statement, it was adopted. It is a much expanded section, which now includes just about every utopian dream for saving the Earth ever set into print by a Quaker. I pointed out that the section on saving farmland would effectively prevent building any new home in Illinois, where even large city lots become cornfields. My objection was shrugged off as the crackpot ranting it was.

FCNL is an organization by and for folks who believe the federal government can be influenced by democratic persuasion, and they are right just often enough to keep trying. They also believe the federal government is a proper instrument for enforcing improved social behavior. Here I find myself in only partial agreement. I think most of the time people do better when left alone to work out their differences. I also think that a lot of today's problems arise from the games people play to turn federal rules to their own advantage. I've heard farmers call this "farming the program."

My own utopian dream in this area is a fuzzy one, and I'll take up no more of your time with it. I realize that my philosophy is different from most of Illinois Yearly Meeting. If the Yearly Meeting minutes a position, I will, as a representative, either represent you to the best of my ability or resign. Lacking such direction, I'll follow my own gleam.

Respectfully submitted to Illinois Yearly Meeting session of 2002.

-Allen Treadway

FRIENDS COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL LEGISLATION (FCNL)

FCNL's Legislative Priorities for the second half of the 107th Congress: Under the rubric, The Peaceful Prevention of Deadly Conflict: An Alternative to the War on Terror, by March 28, 2002, a letter was sent to all constituents of the FCNL asking their monthly meetings to respond by July 1, 2002, to the following questions which need to be asked on how the FCNL should respond in this time of war:

When will the war end? Who is the enemy? Where will it stop? How much will it cost in lives, material, liberties, or international good will and understanding? How much national treasure will it drain away from critical efforts to prevent and resolve conflicts nonviolently or to advance the many other critical facets of human security at home and abroad? What will be the condition of humanity when it is all finished? What are the root causes of terrorism and war? Are there alternatives to war? How can terrorism be prevented nonviolently?

These are the questions our country must ask as it stands on the threshold of a permanent state of war. This is FCNL's challenge for the Second Session of the 107th Congress.

The response sheet to be sent by Meetings by July 1, 2002 asked responses to:

What in the Peaceful Prevention of Deadly Conflict framework resonates with your sense of FCNL's preferred direction? What suggestions do you have to strengthen FCNL's witness in Washington in this current context? What in your own personal struggles following 9/11 could you share to help FCNL understand the current Quaker experience and particular wisdom? What could FCNL do to best equip and empower Friends to witness to their faith in today's world? How can FCNL be relevant to today's legislative issues and opportunities?

I would like to suggest that Illinois Yearly Meeting 2002 consider the above questions, and send the result to national FCNL, even though past the requested July 1 deadline.

The FCNL sent a Building Progress Bulletin in the June-July new bulletin. Construction is to start, with partial demolition, in August, 2003. \$3,851,755 had been raised by June, 2002. The goal is \$6,170,000 by December 2003. The June-July bulletin is enclosed with this report.

- Lorena Jeanne Tinker, FCNL IYM Representative

FRIENDS GENERAL CONFERENCE

This past year was a busy and productive one for Friends General Conference. Illinois Yearly Meeting was graced by the hard work of many, but especially Peggy Spohr and Paul Buckley, in hosting the annual Gathering at Illinois State University in Normal. I certainly concur with Bruce Birchard's assessment that "...the Gathering went very well...."

In this report I will highlight just some of the many things that are worthy of note, confident that others will mention additional things in their reports. At the last Central Committee meeting, Tenth month 25-28, 2001, the Publications and Distribution Committee announced that "you can order any book you want from Quakerbooks at FGC. The bookstore has expanded its service. You can now order any book, not just Quaker books, by mail, phone, or internet (both via e-mail and website). Pendle Hill is considering turning over its mail-order book store service to FGC, simplifying their operation and permitting the FGC bookstore to gain a greater efficiency of scale.

The Traveling Ministries program has proven to be a popular and valued service to meetings. Not only has the Traveling Ministries Oversight Committee refined its procedures, but it has also collected many written resources on ministry and eldering for use among Friends. This Fall FGC is sponsoring a "small conference" on "Nurturing the Meeting Community" to be held in Rosholt, Wisconsin, Ninth Month 19-22. Among the speakers will be Margery Post Abbot, Bob Schmitt, and John Calvi. In addition there will be a dozen different workshops.

The relatively new Committee for Ministry on Racism has contributed to an increase on the Central Committee of seasoned Friends of African descent and it has continued its work to help Friends identify, understand, and address impediments within Friends General Conference to fuller participation by African Americans. The committee is soliciting reports from monthly, quarterly, and yearly meetings on how they are addressing racism and how the Committee can be helpful to

them. Reports of encouraging initiatives by monthly meetings have already been received. Several program committees are working with the Committee for Ministry on Racism to develop a clear and comprehensive plan for how FGC can help Friends meetings challenge racist attitudes and behaviors and become much more racially diverse.

Much of the preceding activity in addition to new initiatives taken by program committees not mentioned above (e.g. Religious Education, Advancement and Outreach, and Christian and Interfaith Relations) were funded in part by the Development and Nurturing Quakerism Campaign. This multi-year campaign was launched to put FGC on a financially more secure footing that would permit it to more actively assist constituent meetings. The campaign has raised two categories of contributions: contributions to the annual fund which directly pay for FGC activities, and contributions to endowment funds, income from which would secure funding for FGC activities well into the future. At the Gathering this summer, it was announced that the campaign had achieved its goal. However, the strategy had been to spend a lot of money up front, designated "start-up funds," to demonstrate what FGC could offer Friends were it better financed. The start-up funds will be exhausted during FY03, i.e. the year ending September 30, 2003. Unless annual contributions to Friends General Conference increase sufficiently to maintain that level of expenditure, FGC will have to reduce its activities to a level more like that before the campaign began. The good news is that there will be some long-lasting benefits of the campaign. The two new endowment funds are expected to pay out some \$36,000 per year. To continue the momentum of the campaign, the Development and Finance Committees are recommending that FGC add a new development manager to the staff.

Are you traveling or relocating and looking for the nearest FGC Friends meeting or worship group? Check www.QuakerFinder.org. The directory offers the nearest half dozen meetings or worship groups to the U.S. or Canadian location you enter. Listings for established meetings provide time and place of worship.

The Christian and Interfaith Relations Committee submitted a response to the WCC's Faith and Order Paper #181, The Nature and Purpose of the Church. The response was also posted on the FGC web site. The committee is responsible for, among other things, communicating with the World Council of Churches on matters of concern to Friends. Friends General Conference is a member of the World Council of Churches, which has launched a "Decade to Overcome Violence" as a way to encourage a movement toward shifting cultures of violence to cultures of nonviolence and just peace on all levels, from interpersonal and intrafamilial relations all the way to international relations. The Christian and Interfaith Relations Committee (CIRC) is also exploring the possibility of participating in The United States Conference of Religions for Peace through the work of Jack Patterson of the Quaker United Nations Office in New York, who is already involved in the organization. CIRC is considering the possibility of sponsoring one or more interfaith peacemaker dialogues, with participants from Buddhist, Christian, Jewish, and Muslim traditions.

This year is Janice Domanik's last year as presiding clerk of Friends General Conference. FGC has prospered under her gentle, wise, and good-humored stewardship.

- Tom Paxson

FRIENDS PEACE TEAMS

In this past year we've been able to accomplish a great deal. We have sent volunteers to a number of areas in the world including Colombia, Burundi, Rwanda, Kenya, Uganda and the Middle East.

This year, at the invitation of the Mennonite Church of Colombia and their Christian Center for Justice, Peace and Nonviolent Action, (JustaPaz), FPT sent an exploratory team of four Friends to Colombia for three weeks. The team met with groups of peacemakers, members of the Peace Communities, workers for human rights and economic justice and ordinary citizens who face great danger in their daily lives, and beg for our help and accompaniment. They offered Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP) workshops to four groups that had requested this practical, spiritually-based training in nonviolent conflict resolution. FPT hopes to develop further work in Colombia as a result of this exploratory team and send more facilitators to develop an AVP program there and work with JustaPaz.

The work of the Trauma Healing and Reconciliation Services (THARS) continues, supported in partnership between Burundi Yearly Meeting and the African Great Lakes Initiative (AGLI). The two new team members who will join the four Burundian team members in September, Chris Stolz and Emily Brotherton, are from St. Louis. Let us hold them in the Light as they begin their two-year commitment to peacemaking.

Since its inception in 2000, THARS has touched the lives of over a thousand people through workshops, lectures and counseling. THARS' workshops include discussing trauma and its healing, creating personal safety, fostering remembrance and mourning through drawings, art, story telling, etc., as well as reconnecting through sports, community activities, and memorials.

Carolyn Keys, one of the team members, gave this description of a trauma healing workshop:

Other participants had malaria, insecurities in their home areas, worries about their other young children, their own sicknesses, who would tend their goats, if they would find a safe way home or be killed enroute. And yet they came and stayed the whole time. Somehow the work of the three days, including a ceremony of singing and burning papers on which were written worries and burdens and fears, left them dancing and singing and laughing. It was wonderful to witness and to feel their progression.

In addition, AGLI sent five teams of AVP facilitators to Rwanda, Kenya, Tanzania and Burundi to support AVP Rwanda, begin AVP Burundi and explore the initiation of an AVP program in Kenya and Tanzania. AVP-Rwanda is exploring the possibility of working with genocide suspects, of which there are 120,000, who are soon to be tried through village courts. Wouldn't it be great if some of them could receive AVP before their possible release?

This past year, through FPT's newsletter, Peace Teams News, readers heard of a local peace team in State College, PA; and read updates on the work of FPT's partner groups, Christian Peacemaker Teams and Peace Brigades International and a review of the book, UNLOCKING HORNS on reconciliation in Burundi. An article from Peace Teams News on corporate discernment was reprinted in a newsletter for Australian Quakers.

FPT's representatives from Intermountain Yearly Meeting, Bill and Genie Durland returned last month from nearly six weeks working and traveling in Israel and the Israeli Occupied Palestinian Territories. While there they led a predominantly Quaker Christian Peacemaker Team (CPT) delegation for two of the six weeks. The work of CPT and of the delegation included monitoring checkpoints, accompanying Palestinians in danger of harassment or attack by Israeli settlers, patrolling vulnerable neighborhoods and visiting in Palestinian homes. After three days at the Friends Schools in Ramallah, the group went to Jerusalem where they met with various organizations such as Rabbis for Human Rights and the Israeli Committee Against Home Demolitions. They finished their time working with the permanent CPT team in Hebron.

RIGHT SHARING OF WORLD RESOURCES

God calls us
To the right sharing of
World Resources,
From the burdens of
Materialism and Poverty into
the abundance of God's
love, to work for equity
through partnership with
our sisters and brothers
throughout the world.

A current issue of the newsletter from Right Sharing is available at the RSWR display table.

This issue highlights twenty projects approved by the RSWR Board of Trustees at its April meeting. Nine of the projects are continuing projects which were previously approved. Ten of the projects are new. These nineteen, added to the nineteen approved last October, and funds held for 2-3 projects to be approved at the fall 2002 Board meeting, are RSWR's 2002 Project Partners. In other action, the Board recommitted RSWR to further work in Africa. Bob Barns hopes to travel to Sierra Leone this September to visit NGOs which have sent us proposals. Roland Kreager will travel to Kenya in July to attend the Friends United Meeting Triennial and to visit yearly meetings in western Kenya. In the near future, Friends will see expanded RSWR presence in Africa and among Friends in Africa in particular.

This issue of the newsletter also lifts up the education ministry of RSWR. While RSWR has developed a strong reputation for our funding of NGOs implementing grassroots economic development, our other program focus is the education work in the United States. Sally Miller has been RSWR's Education Coordinator for almost a year. RSWR has developed its web page to serve as a toolkit for Friends who would like to work in their meeting, church, or local community. In Sally's introductory piece, she asks individual Friends to take up the work of being an animator, using the tools that we have made readily available via the web page.

Supporting Right Sharing

There are a number of ways to support the ministry of Right Sharing. Financial contributions are, of course, always welcome. However, there are other ways which are outlined in the newsletter.

Approved project support for the year 2002 totals \$160,000. Thirty-nine projects with grants totaling \$153,850, have been approved for 2002. The remaining grant money will be approved at the October RSWR Board of Trustees meeting. We welcome your gifts to meet the needs of all of these projects. Meetings and churches which would like to be involved in any special way with any of the projects should contact:

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Right Sharing News is available via e-mail. Contact the RSWR office to request an electronic version of the newsletter; available in ASCII, Microsoft Word, WordPerfect, or PDF formats.

SCATTERGOOD FRIENDS SCHOOL

Last month, 18 students graduated from Scattergood, marking the end of another successful year at Scattergood. The school ended the year in the black financially, but the economic downturn has reduced the funding from the foundation, and increased students' need for financial support. This, combined with amazing increases in insurance rates (post 9/11 effect) make next year's budget more worrisome.

Recent construction projects at the school have included new staff housing – a 4-apartment building – and, at last, a sound wall that provides some relief from the traffic noise, particularly in the meeting house. Come see us!

Next year's enrollment appears to be between 55 and 60 students at this point, with a waiting list for the girls' dorm, and junior and senior classes full. When it was noted that the school is looking for sophomore boys, one school committee member remarked that his daughter was, too.

Last month Scattergood tried something new – a Family weekend, where interested families and their children spent an overnight on campus with staff and some students, getting to know the school and having fun. It was a rousing success, and we plan to do it again next year – Check your calendars for the weekend of June 21-22, 2003.

By now, many of you will have seen the announcement of the search for a new head for Scattergood (see p. 46 in the July *Friends Journal*), as Ken Hinshaw has said that next year will be his last. The search committee has had inquiries from a number of interested people, and are still accepting applications – if you are interested, or know someone who might be, there's still time.

Remember the formative role Quaker schools play, not only educating students about academic subjects, but also shaping students' understanding of the interdependence of the individual and the community. Living in a community governed by Quaker principles, with each student a vital part of making it work, is a transforming experience. It is important to support Quaker education, particularly by sending our children – the benefits are mutual.

As you may know, Scattergood has a web presence:
<http://www.scattergood.org>

Questions, comments, etc. can be directed to me either in person, or via email
to: joda@enteract.com.

-Joe Davison

YOUTHQUAKE REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

YouthQuake is a wonderful almost week-long event where Quaker youth (ages 14-20) accept the challenge to explore the Quaker experiences of Christianity. As Friends come together – liberal and evangelical, programmed and unprogrammed —this exploration is not always comfortable, but it is often moving, and for some it has been life-changing. YouthQuake 2003 will take place December 27, 2003 to January 1, 2004 at the YMCA camp of the Rockies near Estes Park, Colorado.

The planning committee has already met there once and between the Elk, the blue birds and the Aspen trees, it is hard for me to imagine that it would be possible to not be touched by God's presence up there. There are also plans to develop a web page and we hope that the printed publicity will be ready by early next year.

Philadelphia and New England Yearly Meeting suggest that over the year preceding the YouthQuake that young Friends could use personal and spiritual support to explore their own religious and spiritual identity. New England Yearly Meeting specifically suggests preparation in Friends history, both early history and how and when Quakerism split. Also Experiments with prayer and worship with the intent to understand the core of worship, would be good practice for the expectations of YouthQuake. Above all people in Monthly Meetings who have teens that will go to YouthQuake should model a spirit of openness and love that we hope will be found at YouthQuake.

Submitted by Dorothy Day, IYM representative to YouthQuake

REPORT OF INDIVIDUALS TO IYM SESSIONS

PASTORAL COUNSELOR REPORTS (See Minute 17)

Dear Friends:

As in previous years, I am writing to update Illinois Yearly Meeting about my pastoral counseling ministry and to request a minute which clearly states the Yearly Meeting's continuing endorsement of my work. As always, I will need a letter from the Clerk of IYM noting this endorsement and quoting the 2002 business meeting minute which specifies this endorsement. I would be glad to present my report in person on Thursday morning, or to have this letter suffice if you would prefer to address my request at a different time in the week.

I am happy to be able to tell you that my private practice, Connections Counseling and Resource Center, continues to thrive. It keeps me busy indeed! This has been a relatively quiet year with no particular new developments in my practice, in part because I have used significant energy to recover from two eye surgeries and to seek clear vision. I still feel a wonderful integrity and freedom in being able to do pastoral counseling as *I* choose to create it, out of my own values, spiritual beliefs, and forty two years of counseling experience. Even under managed care, and especially with certain clients, therapy is a deep and *spiritual* process.

For those of you interested in QPCC, Quakers in Pastoral Care and Counseling, we had a fine conference last April on the theme of “Innate Spirituality.” Our next annual conference will be held April 4-6, 2003 at Quaker Hill in Richmond, Indiana. I do not know the theme, since for once I am not on the conference planning committee! All Quakers doing counseling or pastoral care and interested in the interface of spirituality and their work are invited to attend the conference, and to become part of QPCC. See me if you want further information.

Also, QPCC's book, *Out of the Silence: Quaker Perspectives on Pastoral Care and Counseling*, written by many of us in QPCC and edited by Bill Ratliff was published last October by Pendle Hill Press. Please read our book, and please also help spread the word of its availability! I have one chapter and part of another in the book, and the cover photograph.

We few Quakers in Normal and Bloomington had an intense, very busy time preparing for the advent of nearly 1500 Quakers for the recent FGC Gathering in Normal. Roy and I were in charge of the field trips for the Gathering, which turned out to be a huge and time consuming task. But the Gathering was wonderful—at least from the parts we were able to attend, and from what we heard. I hope you all are already planning to attend the next Gathering in Johnstown, PA June 28-July 5, 2003. Don't miss it!

Since I am now in solo rather than agency practice, my spiritual community and my accountability to my denomination through IYM continue to be all the more important in maintaining my “pastoral identity.” In my work and in my life, I try to be faithful to the leading of the Spirit. Your ongoing endorsement of my pastoral counseling continues to make my ministry possible, as it has since 1978. Thank you so very much!

Sincerely,
Carolyn W. Treadway, Pastoral Counselor

Dear Friends,

At IYM last year I had no idea my report to you this year would be from such a distance! God the Fox, as Marti says, led me on a wild hunt this year.

As most of you know, I had been at Rush Medical Center 19 years. After finishing my doctorate, I had hoped to integrate my interest in spiritual healing with my professional life in some way. After becoming the head of my department, I quickly discovered that administration in a mainstream healthcare setting was all-consuming. Thinking life would slow down once the role became more familiar; I applied myself to believing that what I did as department chair contributed to patient care and to my staff in significant ways. At the same time, listening to Carolyn's report last year – happy in her changed situation – did give me pause.

In late August, we visited my sister Nancy for our family vacation. She and her family had just moved down to Washington State from Alaska. They lived on a freshwater lake amid forests and sea – West of Seattle on a Peninsula in Puget Sound. We had not seen each other in five years. It was a wonderful week of catching up as we sipped coffee in her kitchen and made blackberry jam. I helped her enroll her children in school. A leading began to form about moving to live near her.

Disoriented at first, we decided to at least take the steps to explore our options and see where they led. When doors seemed to open more quickly than we ex-

pected, we asked Northside for a clearness committee to help us discern our leading. While this opening did not work out, it helped to focus our vision. Little did we know at the time what a major year of transition would take place.

My father's health failed rapidly in the fall. He died in early January. My husband Bill lost his job related directly to the impact of 9/11 on trade publishing and had his 50th birthday at the same time. We decided to put our home on the market to see if it would sell in hopes that we might be able to buy a house that was for sale two doors from my sister.

Bill was approached to buy an industry newsletter with a 40-year track record, our home sold and we bought the house in Washington State. As negotiations continued on the business, Bill's elderly mother fell. She declined rapidly, dying in early May. I resigned my position at Rush effective June 30.

The path was not the one we expected last fall. Way opened in ways that we did not anticipate. We have been here two weeks, working long hours to set up the business [in our home]. It is right on the lake and the setting is very calming and peaceful. Our first newsletter went out this past Friday.

At this writing, I don't know what my professional path will be. I am taking a sabbatical to heal and work in the family business. I would like for the time being to continue my endorsement, as I may be led to something in pastoral care here. We are just beginning to explore Meetings in the area. My membership will remain at Northside until we are settled upon a Meeting here.

I wish I were there to see you and report in person. Your support of my work these past 19 years has been a very real and significant presence in my life.

Blessings upon you as you meet this week.

-Beth Burbank

FIELD SECRETARY REPORT (See Minute 24)

This has been a year of rewarding activity as I traveled among Friends. For me, the most significant thing has been defining my role as your field secretary. This year has seen changes in the manner that the field secretary position is supported by the Ministry and Advancement Committee. When I accepted the position in January, 2001 it had been decided that there would no longer be a small group of M&A members who would serve as elders to oversee, and support the work of the field secretary. It soon became apparent to the committee and to me that such guidance was needed. The Committee, after much prayer and heartfelt deliberation, again took up the task of supervision. It was determined that guidance would no longer be the work of a small sub-group of selected M&A members. The oversight of my work by the Ministry and Advancement Committee as a whole is beginning to feel more comfortable and I have benefited from their wisdom and Spirit led support.

This has also been a memorable and challenging time for me. I struggled through the depths of extreme emotion following the tragedy of September 11th. The alternating periods of fear and overwhelming sadness that I experienced affected my ability to function and adequately do the work for which you hired me. There were many things that I wanted to accomplish that just did not get done. In my personal life I was feeling powerless to help my son who suffers recurring times of mental illness as he faced one crisis after another. That, too, took away from the level of creative energy I needed in order to plan workshops and retreats.

I have found what I call “the ministry of the camera” and have enjoyed taking pictures when I visit among Friends. The sharing of my computer printed and electronically generated photos has been a good avenue of outreach and another way of keeping IYM Friends connected. I began sending photo note-cards of our lovely IYM Meetinghouse to far away and/or elderly Friends who can no longer travel to yearly meeting.

Another way of helping our geographically scattered monthly meetings and worship groups feel a sense of community was to make a memorial booklet from the letters and pictures shared at the memorial service of our beloved Friend Kenneth Ives. I sent a copy to each monthly meeting and worship group throughout IYM.

A summary of my work is that I visited eight monthly meetings, some more than once; led two workshops, the topics of which were *Vocal Ministry* and *Prayer* as well as a *Visioning* workshop on behalf of the Site Envisioning and Building Plan Committee at Blue River Quarterly. I enjoyed being present for Clear Creek’s Homecoming celebration and the incredible Open House Clear Creek Friends hosted for the McNabb community. I attended a Christmas party given by Urbana-Champaign Friends and an 80th birthday potluck for Richard Boyajian at 57th Street Meeting. In September I worked with Jerry Nurenborg to organize a work camp experience for Duneland and South Bend Friends. Over the Labor Day weekend loving and skilled Friends did extensive home repair, both interior and exterior, for a Quaker family. Other activities have included attending the winter and spring retreats held by the Ministry and Advancement Committee and making small presentations to monthly meetings for the Site Envisioning and Building Plan Committee.

I have felt very close to Urbana-Champaign Friends Meeting as the result of being a recipient of all the electronic correspondence, announcements, and the newsletter for their meeting. I have felt very included in their joys and concerns. I would appreciate being added to the electronic lists of other meetings and would like to receive any monthly newsletters that are published.

An important aspect of my work with Friends involves deep listening and communication with individual Friends who are laboring with difficult issues in their personal lives and/or concerns within the Quaker community.

A place of great growth for me has been the opportunity to attend Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary for two semesters of classes that have benefited my work greatly. The course work covered *family systems theory* and described how churches and religious communities behave as families. Clergy from all denominations attended the classes and we learned much from the material and from each other.

Overall, I have noticed that there is a great deal of activity throughout the yearly meeting. The focus seems to be on growth. There is a concern for more depth in worship and ministry to one another. There is also excitement as some Friends are finding new energies for God’s work and growing in numbers as a result. Hopefully ground will be broken soon for a new meetinghouse for Urbana-Champaign Friends and there is a current of joy and a commitment to follow the Spirit with regard to future planning for our IYM land and buildings here in McNabb.

-Roxy Jacobs

OTHER DOCUMENTS FROM BUSINESS SESSIONS

PROPOSAL FOR ILLINOIS YEARLY MEETING OF A PEACE & CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTION COMMITTEE (See Minute 33)

Proposal:

Blue River Quarterly, during its 4/20/02 meeting for business agreed to request that Illinois Yearly Meeting reestablish a standing committee to foster peace and conscientious objection during its sessions in 7th month July 2002. This entity would be named the Peace and Conscientious Objection Committee.

Background:

Within our yearly meeting Friends in monthly meetings and other organizations have developed a variety of responses to the tragic violence which occurred on September 11, 2001.

Statements in the press suggest the undeclared war is spreading and will likely continue for the foreseeable future. Friends are called to examine our Peace Testimony and consider its place in our lives and our spiritual development. Likewise we must hasten to reach out to young Friends who may soon be facing a military draft.

Specifics:

1. The IYM Peace and Conscientious Objection Committee would neither duplicate nor replace the work done within our monthly meetings. An early task would be to identify the work currently being done by constituent monthly meetings. Over time a liaison relationship may develop between monthly meeting committees and the yearly meeting Peace Committee.
2. Friends interested in serving on this committee are encouraged to contact a member of the IYM Nominating Committee. Members of the Peace Committee should be Friends with gifts, skills, knowledge and strong leadings regarding the following objectives.

Objectives:

1. To develop a proactive conscientious objection counseling program;
2. To assist young Friends in expressing their personal peace testimonies and documenting these beliefs for their spiritual growth as well as for a draft board should one be reinstated;
3. To share these processes with junior high, senior high and young adult Friends in cooperation with the Youth Oversight Committee;
4. To explore possibilities of working with existing peace building activities such as the Quaker Volunteer Service Training and Witness Committee, Project Lakota and the AFSC/Inter Mountain Yearly Meeting Joint Service Project to enhance peacebuilding with a spiritual and service-oriented basis for young Friends;
5. To encourage Friends to examine and reexamine the meaning of the Peace Testimony in the context of our response to modern terrorism and war which has made it possible to wreak major devastation on people and their environment with minimal direct human involvement;
6. To become a source of knowledge and to encourage Friend's consideration of the options for and rationale of resistance to payment of war taxes;
7. To serve as a resource for monthly meetings, quarterly meetings, regional meetings and IYM's program committee in identifying knowledgeable speakers and workshop leaders on the above topics.

PROPOSED MINUTE ON RELIGIOUS FREEDOM PEACE TAX

(See Minute 34)

Illinois Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, at its meeting for business held at McNabb, Illinois on 31 July – 4 August 2002, affirms its support of those who are conscientiously opposed to the payment of war taxes, in keeping with our Society's 350 years of religious witness for peace, and our historical peace testimony that "We do utterly deny all outward wars and strife and fightings with outward weapons, for any end or under any pretense whatsoever." We ask that our elected officials support and work for the passage of the Religious Freedom Peace Tax Fund Act (currently HR 1186) as a way of recognizing our deep commitment to peace and social justice.

We ask all our U.S. Congressional Representatives in the Illinois Yearly Meeting area to join in co-sponsorship of this Bill, and will ask our U.S. Senators to join in support.

HR 1186 will allow legally defined conscientious objectors to pay 100% of their taxes into a separate fund that will be used only for government spending that is not for a military purpose. Information about the Fund will be published in both the tax return form and the instruction booklet; the level of contribution to the Fund will be annually entered into the Congressional Record.

In passing the Religious Freedom Peace Tax Fund Bill, the apportionment powers of the Congress will not be restricted, while relief of suffering will be granted to tens of thousands of citizens who, because of their conscientious objection to war, are not able to earn above the taxable level of income, or are otherwise forced to refuse payment of the military portion of their taxes.

We request that our action in supporting this minute be published broadly, particularly among Friends, encouraging Monthly, Quarterly and Yearly Meetings to consider whether they can support this legislation.

Friends everywhere are encouraged to write to their elected federal officials urging support of this legislation, which reflects our deeply held religious beliefs.

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE PROPOSAL (See Minute 39)

At Spring Continuing Committee in 2001 we shared that development is relationship building within the Yearly Meeting and interpretation about what it does for Friends and monthly meetings.

Where We're at Now

1. We have limited ways of communicating about our dollar needs as a community:
 - No identification on responsibility for fundraising in our Handbook
 - Annual letter from Finance Committee to Monthly Meetings
 - Appeals on the floor of business meeting or by word of mouth
 - Lack of a unified voice by the Yearly Meeting on behalf of fundraising
 - No strong, consistent tradition of individual giving to IYM.
2. We have sound finances for our regular operations and are responsibly supporting our staff.
3. Our site needs are likely to be massive, coming out of a good envisioning process and technical assessment, both for our historic meetinghouse and our future site dreams.

4. We have new potential for encouraging planned giving and bequests to the Yearly Meeting and the potential for applying for grants.
5. We have limited “long term” funds for receiving large gifts or bequests and no building fund (the Site Fund is more of a repair and upkeep fund). Our Special Gifts Fund is brand new and is for unrestricted gifts.

Moving Forward

The work of development overlaps, properly, with the work of other committees, especially Ministry and Advancement, Maintenance and Planning, Finance, and Site Envisioning and Building. It involves more people-work than number-crunching and does not fit entirely well with the work of the Finance Committee.

We have an offer of assistance from Friends General Conference in talking over development issues and establishing a program.

Proposal

We recommend establishing an Ad Hoc Development Committee, to be reviewed after 3 years with the following members:

- 1 from Finance
- 1 from Ministry and Advancement
- 1 from Site Envisioning and Building
- 1 from Maintenance and Planning

At least 3 others, including at least 1 Friend from Clear Creek Meeting.

Committee Charge

1. Getting Illinois Yearly Meeting better known within its monthly meetings.
2. Expanding ways of giving for the support of services IYM provides to Friends and making these known among Friends.
3. Encourage giving on behalf of all IYM programs and projects.
4. Relaying information back to overlapping committees for related actions.

MEMORIALS

EMILY DUNN SCOTT DALE

On August 21, 2001, Emily Dunn Scott Dale died at the age of 76 of smoke inhalation in a fire at her summer cabin in Michigan. She was a professor of sociology at Illinois Wesleyan University, feminist, tireless human rights activist, devoted mother and grandmother.

George Fox encouraged Quakers to walk happily across the world seeking God in everyone, to challenge injustices where we saw them, and to speak truth to power. Emily tried to epitomize this advice throughout her life. At a time when the Klu Klux Klan gathered openly here in Bloomington, her best friend was an African American. While most of her peers were content to stay in Central Illinois, she traveled to Chicago to work in the public housing projects. While most people celebrated victory after World War II, she worked to help resettle the Japanese-Americans who had been unjustly locked up. While most relished in the post war boom, she helped a young minister named Martin Luther King talk about equality. While others talked of sexual revolution, she fought for women to have equal rights before the law. While others fought to get women into the work force, she fought to have them receive equal pay and to have positions of power. While others would tolerate a policy of do not ask or tell, she fought for equal rights before the law regardless of one's sexual orientation. While others enjoyed the prosperity of the last few decades, she fought for victims of violence and poverty.

A teacher and an advocate in both the classroom and life, Emily constantly challenged each of us and society at large to make the world a fair and better place.

KENNETH H. IVES

Kenneth Ives was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on October 10, 1916. He joined Friends while a student at Earlham College. He served as clerk of the Detroit Monthly Meeting during a period in the 1950s. He transferred his membership to the Fifty-seventh Street Meeting in 1970 from the Montclair (NJ) Monthly Meeting. His practice was one of "universalist non-theistic spirituality." He gave decades of faithful service to our Meeting and was a gentle and effective mediator in situations of conflict.

Ken met his future wife Renée Wagshal (a refugee from the Nazi occupation of Austria) in Detroit at a folk dancing event. They married under the care of the Detroit Meeting on July 13, 1957. Renée was a member of 57th Street Meeting from 1961 until her death in 1984. In her application for membership she stated that she wished "to belong to the religious group to which my husband is so devoted." Opera and folk dancing were important to both, and Ken continued both activities until he was no longer able to.

Ken attended Earlham College because of his interest in Friends developed through attendance at two work camps in his teens. During and after his college years he was involved with the consumer coop movement and managed several coop stores in Michigan and New York. During World War II he refused, as a pacifist, to register for military conscription and as he put it "enjoyed the hospitality of the government" for four months in a prison in Ashland, KY. He was paroled (his sentence was a year and a day) to a CPS camp near Baltimore and later to Pendle Hill (a Quaker study center!). Upon release he moved to Cleveland (where he lived and worked in co-ops) and was active with the Industrial Workers of the World (which he described as an anarchist, pacifist union with about 3000 members). He later returned to the CPS (to avoid prison again) and worked for a time at the Philadelphia State (Mental) Hospital, Byberry. He recalled in writing years later that "at Byberry, when CPS men replaced the regular attendants, broken bones among the violent ward patients dropped from several a week to about one a month. ... The CPS men developed a national program of training for attendants and other mental hospital staff which continued after their discharge from CPS."

Ken earned two master's degrees (Sociology and Social Work) and described himself as an "applied researcher". He worked in the field of social work in Detroit and Chicago. He edited two journals in these fields (eight issues each: *Case Analysis* (1978-81), and *Sociological Practice* (1983-87)). During annual meetings of the American Sociological Association, Ken frequently arranged a time for Quaker sociologists from all around the country to meet and talk to one another.

He worked in the civil rights movement in Detroit and later Chicago. He was prolifically active in Friends General Conference (FGC) and in Illinois Yearly Meeting (IYM), devoting thousands of hours to both Quaker organizations, though always quietly and behind the scenes. He was clerk of FGC's Advancement Committee (1980-86). He played an important role in establishing the Field Secretary position in IYM and in building the Quaker Volunteer Service and Witness Network. He was one of the founding lights of Quakers United in Publishing, a trade association of Quaker-related publishing houses and bookstores which continues vigorously to this day. He was a very private person, eschewing attention and praise, yet immensely generous with his time and expertise.

His work camp experience as a youth led him to work with the Friends during the last decade on creating opportunities for work camps and training programs for volunteers.

Another interest to which he devoted great effort was the issue of spelling reform. He edited the journal of the Simplified Spelling Society (founded in 1908) for 8 issues in 4 years (1992-95). He became a publisher (Progressiv Publishr) and published at least 16 booklets written in simplified spelling (for example, economy spelling 1A uses "n" for "and" and "th" for "the"). His titles include: *Black Quakers*, *New Friends Speak*, *Nurturing Spiritual Development* and *Bookkeeping for Small Organizations*.

Ken was diagnosed with secondary lung cancer in January of this year. He died peacefully on April 2. His nurses and attendants appreciated his kindness and gentle spirit.

A Friend wrote about Ken that "the center of his vocation was twofold: 'improvement of social conditions' to use his phrase, and devotion to the advancement of the Religious Society of Friends. His various modes of employment were secondary to those overarching purposes. In both arenas, Ken believed that the most important work is done in small steps by small tasks and hard work seasoned with patience."

We celebrate Kenneth's life; the world is richer because he lived.

ROBERT J. KACHER

Robert J. Kacher was a friend of Friends. He was a true friend of Oshkosh Friends Meeting. He also was a Catholic and remained one. He was an attender at Friends' worship and enjoyed it. He never missed a potluck and enjoyed taking part in all the Meeting did. He was always there.

For 20 years Robert supported a girl in Guatemala from his \$490 Social Security check. He loved poetry and painted out his own poetry in some 70 books. He loved Walt Whitman and let his own hair and beard grow in the same fashion. Robert attended IYM in 1979 and loved it.

In November 2001, Robert was run over by a train and killed. He was 62.

AGNES E. PEACOCK

Agnes Elizabeth Peacock, nee Virden, age 106, and Evanston Meeting's oldest member (non-resident) died March 21, 2002. Born in Goshen, Missouri, on December 27, 1895, Agnes was a former resident of Park Ridge, IL, at which time she was an active member of the Meeting. She participated in the Women's Society, and helped mend and prepare for shipping to the AFSC many articles of clothing. She died peacefully in the Community Care facility in Winchester, Indiana, where she had made her home for several years.

Preceded in death by her beloved husband John W., who was also a member of Evanston Meeting, Agnes was the loving mother of Jackson, Anna Lou (Ray) Arnett, and Robert

(Betty). She leaves behind seven grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren, and three great-great grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by two great grandsons.

Services were held Sunday, March 24, at the Walker Funeral Home, 248 E. South St., Winchester, IN 47394. Interment was at Fountain Park Cemetery, in Winchester.

Our loving thoughts and prayers go out to her family, members of which have provided a good deal of loving care for Agnes, and who will miss her terribly.

CAROL SCATTERGOOD

Carol Woolman Scattergood, born May 1946 in Philadelphia, grew up in Marlton, New Jersey, in a Quaker family. She began ballet lessons at a young age and continued for 12 years, but as a student at Butler University in Indianapolis she majored in music as a percussionist. Upon graduation from Butler she taught music for three years in Whiteland, Indiana, before enrolling in a Master's Degree program at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois. There she was a middle-school teacher and band director for almost 30 years, enriching the lives of over a thousand students and winning the highest respect and admiration of her fellow teachers for her gentle character and her unusual dedication to her work.

Shortly after beginning work in Northbrook, Carol also became a member of the Northshore Concert Band, a nationally –renowned adult community band which performed in cities around the world. Becoming a mainstay of the percussion section of the band, Carol was a familiar sight to audiences as she stood with calm authority behind the tympani. She performed over 300 concerts for the Northshore Band, the last less than two months before her death from cancer in July, 2001. A memorial service for Carol took place at Lake Forest Friends Meetinghouse on September 8, 2001.

Carol married Richard S. Bair in August, 1978 in a Quaker ceremony overseen by the Lake Forest Friends Meeting. Their two daughters, Alethea Scattergood Bair and Julia Scattergood Bair, are already carrying on Carol's great musical talents – Alethea on violin and viola, Julia on bassoon and piano. In addition, Julia is in her 9th year of ballet lessons. The girls were her pride and joy while Carol was alive, and she would only be more proud of them now.

Carol is greatly missed by her husband and daughters, her mother Jean, brothers Robert and Mark, her twin sister Katherine, and many others who enjoyed her sincere and caring friendship.

JEANETTE DILAS THEODORE

The St. Louis Monthly Meeting and the local Greek-American community lost a deeply spiritual and determined woman on December 19, 2001, when Jeanette Theodore succumbed to Alzheimer's disease.

Jeanette was born Jeanette Dilas on August 5, 1914. Her parents were both natives of Greece and moved frequently during her early childhood to seek opportunities, while maintaining the firm spiritual and social values of their Greek Orthodox faith. Jeanette absorbed the spirituality and poetry of the church, yet struggled with the strict roles it set for women. She was introduced to the St. Louis meeting by her son, Peter, and was attracted to the openness of Friends toward women. Peter said she worked diligently to maintain her independence as a woman, yet remained devoted to her faith and her family. She expressed some of her creativity and spirituality in poetry, which she published in a booklet "Petals and Wings," in 1982.

JANET WALLACE ULLMANN

On Monday, September 3, 2001, Lake Forest Friends Meeting lost one of its most beloved members when Janet Wallace Ullmann passed away at the age of 96. Janet was born

on June 23, 1905 in Saltillo, Mexico, to William and Mary McQuat Wallace, who were serving as missionaries for the Presbyterian Church. Until the age of eight she lived in her parents' mission school in Coyoacan, a suburb of Mexico City. In 1913, as a consequence of the Mexican Revolution, she relocated with her mother and siblings to Palo Alto, California.

After graduating from Palo Alto High School, Janet attended Stanford University and then the University of Chicago, graduating from the latter in 1927. She went on to study in Paris, then taught Spanish and French at the secondary level in Lake Forest and LaJolla, California. She remained fluent in Spanish throughout her life and maintained friendships with a rich diversity of friends who lived in Mexico and Central America.

Janet married Stuart Ullmann on April 30, 1931, after which the couple settled in Illinois. She continued to reside there for the 70 remaining years of her life, although she traveled frequently. After living in Chicago and then Lake Forest, Janet and Stuart moved to Lake Bluff, where they raised their four children. The family traveled together to Europe on several occasions in the 1950's. When the nest was empty, she and her husband traveled extensively in Eastern Europe, Asia and Africa.

Janet consistently sought and found a common thread in human needs around the world. She was active in the World Federalists, a past President of the League of Woman voters of Lake Bluff-Lake Forest, and a teacher in the Waukegan Head Start Program. She and her husband joined the civil rights movement at its beginning, corresponding with Martin Luther King Jr., marching in major demonstrations, and meeting with many South African leaders of the Anti-Apartheid Movement. Ten years ago, at age 86, she traveled to Nicaragua as a participant in the Witness for Peace Project. (Stuart had passed away shortly after a hiking trip in Nepal in 1969.) The Witness for Peace project opposed U.S. funding of contra-sponsored killing and violence designed to undermine the Sandinista regime that was then in power. It was based on the premise that the contras would be less likely to terrorize supporters of the Sandinista government if U.S. citizens were present to witness such activity.

After the Ullmann children were born, Stuart renewed his commitment to the Episcopal Church. Janet was guided in other directions. To quote from her autobiography on her discussion with the then pastor of the Episcopal Church, "I wouldn't be honest if I joined your church. I simply can't stand up and say the Apostles' Creed, nor those prayers about us being miserable sinners.... But really...why can't your National Episcopal Council treat women as people rather than as just females? Year after year they vote against the ordination of women as preachers." Her determination to seek God amidst a fellowship of equals led her to the Society of Friends, which she joined on February 7, 1965. Thereafter, she remained one of the Meeting's most active and devoted members.

Janet gave generously to numerous diverse charities and organizations. Many such organizations would enclose note cards with their solicitations, and Janet would bring these cards to Lake Forest Friends Meeting. Often the Meeting would end up with a year's supply of greeting cards for everyone who needed them.

In addition to writing a fascinating autobiography, Janet was also an enthusiastic poet. On the occasion of her 95th birthday, attended by virtually all of her large and geographically dispersed extended family and close friends, her children distributed a beautifully bound collection of her poems that they had published.

Despite serious physical ailments, Janet attended Meeting for Worship regularly until shortly before her death. A well-attended memorial service was held for her on Sunday, September 9, 2001, at the Meeting House. In attendance were most of her surviving family, which includes her daughter, Mary U. Kruse of Urbana, IL; three sons, Thomas S. Ullmann of Kenilworth, IL; Laurence E. Ullmann of Acton, MA; and Stuart E. Ullmann Jr., of Boulder, CO.; 12 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Donations in the memory of Janet Ullmann may be made to AFSC.

STATES OF SOCIETY

BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL

The year started with our meeting trying to pull together a funeral service for Emily Dunn Scott Dale (who died on 8/20/2001 at the age of 76) for a large and diverse group of people. Both our meeting, her family and other attenders felt that the service matched her complex personality.

Shortly afterwards we faced September 11th and its aftermath. This led to a burst of energy and community involvement. Quakers came together with several other groups to form a Bloomington-Normal Citizens for Peace and Justice and to hold several demonstrations and peace initiatives. Another group worked with others in the community to have a vigil at the Bloomington Islamic Center and a series of interfaith pot-luck get-togethers. A third group became engaged in efforts to stop the death penalty. While our motivation and types of involvement in the community varied, as a group we played a critical role in helping our community. In the process we also became more articulate about our Quaker viewpoint in mixed groups.

On the down side, being pulled in so many directions, involvement in starting several new organizations and several new layers of meeting has led to some burn out. Several of our members also expressed frustrations with the developments in Afghanistan and Middle East. In addition, several individual members have had multiple health problems, graduations, and marriages and our meeting (with 5 active adult members and another 2-4 infrequently attending members) looked at the coming 1600-strong Friends General Conference in July with much trepidation. The consequence has been a significant drop in attendance from an average of 10-20 people in the fall to 2-5 in the spring.

Right at the end of last year, Ann Comisky formally joined our meeting. We want belatedly to recognize that the process of going through clearness was an enriching experience for all. The letter in which she wrote out her reasons for becoming a member reflected a deep level of spiritual thought that provoked several spirited discussions. She has also arranged for us to meet outside at Forrest Park in Peoria and has been an active contributor to the meeting and our service projects.

There have also been changes in the environment of our meeting. We went from meeting in homes to meeting at Western Avenue Community Center and are now poised to go back to meetings at home. We are also considering trying to visit other meetings or having them visit us as part of a process of rejuvenating ourselves.

Looking back over the year, we also wanted to take a moment to recognize the special efforts of one of our attenders. Mary Lehman has been the heart and one of the hardest workers behind the scenes in so many of our efforts ranging from Emily's service to BNCPJ, efforts to serve meals at a local shelter, leading first day school, calling on members who are ill or need attention, or even just reaching out to new and existing members to see if they want to go to a movie. It was fascinating to see our children in first day school identify her as a "Giraffe" (community leader who sticks out her neck to help the community). Throughout these efforts Mary never seeks attention and will no doubt be embarrassed by this tribute—but as we assess the quality of worship in our meeting and what it means to be a Quaker, she comes to mind as a shining example of what we all hope to be.

After the FGC meeting in Normal, BNF and Heartland Worship group also started talking about trying to meet more often together and again begin discussing the idea of meeting as a whole. This is just a beginning, but an exciting step after such a long time.

In summary, the quality of our meeting over the past year has varied considerably. There have been periods of both great depth and contributions to the community. But many of us are also struggling with burnout, having trouble centering, and putting aside the concerns of the day. Renewed interest in meeting together as a whole with Heartland (whether just more frequently or permanently) is a major bright spot on our horizon.

CLEAR CREEK

Clear Creek Meeting grows more vibrant and communal each year. We are grateful for the many opportunities for the fellowship we enjoy regularly.

Some fellowship activities serve to nurture our spiritual life, and some focus more on community service, whether to the local community, IYM or the wider community. Our most frequent community service is roadside trash pickup along a stretch of highway 89. We share fellowship as we work in crews of two on a bimonthly schedule.

Many work projects on the grounds blend spiritual purpose with service and fellowship throughout the year. We are grateful for the refurbishment of the Clear Creek Room, which serves in the winter for our Meeting space and in the summer for infant and small child care during IYM.

Our Meeting pursues wider Quaker concerns for social justice through its support of Global Village in Peoria. This organization promotes fair pay for artisans in many third world countries by bringing their products to the American consumer through an umbrella organization, Friends of the Third World. For nurture, our spiritual friendship group meets on the third Friday of each month for a quiet evening of worship, sharing, and spiritual direction; this has brought the attenders closer and has deepened awareness of God's work in our lives.

A formal contribution to the spiritual life of the society was the writing of the queries for the worship sharing groups at IYM and providing leadership for the groups.

We were inspired by Lloyd Lee Wilson's talk at last year's IYM. He spoke of the importance of breaking bread together in the early church. Since then we have started a tradition of fellowship over soup or potluck following Meeting for Worship almost every Sunday. This has enabled us to get to know one another better, which is important, considering how geographically dispersed we are during the week.

A review of our financial status shows that expenses have grown in the last year. We are grateful to God that donations have risen spontaneously to provide for our many ministries without the need for special appeals. Clear Creek Monthly Meeting, with attention to business and our clerk, has regularly encouraged members to look, on an individual basis, for opportunities to help those in need. The Meeting extends financial and spiritual support to many such concerns. In one case the Meeting has taken under its care a former attendee who is now imprisoned. This ministry of visitation and modest financial support has raised awareness of problems in the state justice system. Through our clerk's leadership, we have provided emotional, spiritual, and practical support to the imprisoned individual. She is in a program of basic communication and learning skills which is helping her to overcome problems of dyslexia for the first time. She is also receiving better health care. Additionally, on occasion, we have helped the poor with medications they cannot afford.

Clear Creek Meeting has also been involved in activities to support the vision of a possible retreat center here at McNabb in partnership with IYM. Numerous visits to other retreat centers in the state have been completed, and meeting members have been heavily involved in committee work to plan for this project. Similarly, our members have contributed to the design of the statewide survey to probe the thoughts and concerns of the yearly constituency for this project. At Clear Creek, we are increasingly aware of and grateful for the peaceful atmosphere of our grounds. Many of us have experienced this directly and know how it nurtures the spirit. It is our collective hope that this precious spiritual resource will be preserved so that this experience will be accessible to many more individuals and monthly meetings in need of spiritual retreat and reflection.

Though we are proud of our many active ministries, we recognize several areas which present opportunities for growth. We are increasingly blessed with the presence of children in our meeting, but have no First Day School. We realize that other families with children may not attend for that reason. We hope to provide more ministry for children in the coming year. Additionally, we have not found a way to extend an awareness of Quaker spirituality

and values to the surrounding non-Quaker community. Our one action in this regard is our plan to provide a talk on the history and spirituality of Quakerism at the annual open house in June.

Our meeting is small in size, but large in gifts of spirit and service. We look forward to another year of growth, both collectively and individually, and thank God for the richness of our meeting community.

COLUMBIA

We have compiled this report after a Meeting-wide event in which we prayerfully considered a number of queries, concerning our life of worship, our organizational functioning, how we are a community of Friends, and how we participate in larger communities. We felt that we grew spiritually as we gave time to reflect corporately. What follows are only representative highlights of a thorough, searching process of being examined by God.

I. As we gather in Worship on Sunday, and a few of us midweek as well, most of us generally experience a corporate gathering within the Living Silence. Although we all have times of scattered thoughts, there is yet an expectancy that something wonderful may happen, and we become united in God's Spirit. Some speak of healing coming from such encounter; others express longing for a more frequent coming together when everyone is moved by the same concern or awareness—which indeed does happen. To seek such unity, and then to celebrate it, is a venture of Faith.

In considering "ministry," we recognize it may be in more than speaking, and continues outside the actual Meeting, in the living of our lives.

Increasingly, we have been considering our Meetings for Business in light of their being Meetings for Worship. This requires a particular discipline of attention to the Voice of God, and also to the Truth that is given through others. It is somewhat distressing that only about half as many participate in business as in other meetings for worship. We have come to realize that if we are relying only on ourselves rather than God to do our business, we shall be limited, falling short of our calling.

Some spoke to an advancing sense of what is required of us in "Good Order," and of the shared responsibility for this—not just relying on the Clerk to "rein us in." Meeting for Business has been a continuing education in Quakerism, and has shown us we can take risks in faith, and then be supported by God to carry through, with generosity. Addressing difficult issues in the context of our business process has helped some of us grow. Although there have been times when we've not been open, forgiving, or understanding, yet we have experienced God breaking through to bring us to a higher Wisdom than we individually offer.

II. We examined our organizational life in some detail. Finances seem to be in good order, and we have reached beyond our own needs to address the suffering in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Pine Ridge—besides our regular institutional commitments. Our contributor base is broadening, but should extend further in terms of feeling a part of the work and witness.

Committee work involves conscientious efforts by many Friends, although there may be only 18-20 to share all the stated work. This leads some to ask if we are attempting too much for our present size, since some committees are almost dormant. The nomination process, based in prayerful waiting for guidance, has not always met with the response desired, and we have occasionally improvised just to keep going.

We continued to have an adult religious education hour, often with worship-sharing. But this past year we also had spiritual growth groups, which met under agreed procedures and built relationships of depth and trust.

We have had more success with religious education among our adults than when we try to address the needs of children and families with young children. We continue to be baffled and frustrated when we either have children present and no regular corps of adults to teach, or conversely when adults have prepared material for which children do not show up. More recently, there is hope that we might finally have the right overlap, and develop a program with vitality.

Project Lakota has continued to develop. It was started, in part, by one of our high-school Young Friends, but has become intergenerational. Friends across the age-range have participated in the workcamp and in raising support, and this is all a cause for hope.

III. Being Friends one to another in community is central to what we've been called to. In this, we have felt supported as individuals and as families, as we've faced burdens and travails. Love is frequently, refreshingly, shown in our trying to respond to life's challenges, and it is usually reciprocal. Sometimes we experience community in our work to preserve and beautify our premises. We enjoy having social and recreational experiences together, and these sometimes involve those who otherwise are peripheral to our worship. Our "Fourth Friday Fun Nights" can bring in families for whom there is not regular First Day School. Some speak of their worship being enhanced when they have gotten to know others more deeply as persons—and we are no longer gathering as isolated individuals.

Being Friends-in-community means we participated, also, in larger Quaker gatherings and entities. Although the numbers are smaller than we would like, the opportunities presented by Blue River Quarterly and Illinois Yearly Meetings and their committees are richly satisfying. Those who are active in Friends World Committee, Friends Committee on Unity with Nature, Friends Association for Higher Education, and the Quaker Volunteer Service & Witness Network have deeply appreciated the support they feel from this Meeting. We hope to continue to do our part financially, as well.

Our sense of community is reassured by the awareness that Friends have different life experiences and ways of expressing them. We labor lovingly with each other, seeking deeper understanding.

The strong, united, creative response from Meeting to the tragedies of 9/11/01 reassured us that this is a spiritual home to which we resort for refuge and God's guidance and solace. We hope, then, to reach out further in compassion, as we find our right Foundation. We benefited from the experience of carefully working-through some public minutes of commitment, and have published these in *Among Friends*. We continue to refer to them as we express where Quakers hope the larger society can move.

IV. We realize we participate in a greater community than that of Quakers. The Meeting generally has kept up its reputation for being much invested in the social betterment of our community, and Friends are honored in the leadership they humbly offer. Friends are strongly represented in witness against war, against capital punishment, and in the Alternatives to Violence Project. We maintain a presence in the interfaith community, and in work on behalf of human rights. Our connections with the Islamic community were particularly appreciated in light of the jeopardy of scapegoating that they have encountered.

The Meeting feels deep concern, as well as a sense of outrage, as the nation moves toward a state of perpetual war. Our historic Peace Testimony and a sense of God's presence among us gives guidance as we seek to speak and work against the madness of violence and revenge. Increasingly, we are working with other groups, strengthening the Interfaith Peace Alliance and helping the larger religious community find its voice. Friends are unabashed in showing that our social testimonies are rooted in our spiritual understandings, that our seeming "political" expressions are indeed faith-based. Trusting in God's guidance and comfort can help overcome despair or angry embitterment.

Finally, we are glad to be challenged by the ancient query, "Are Love and Unity maintained?" Although we do not hear from those who have been disappointed by our degree of faithfulness to God's calling, we generally have the sense that we are sustained in Love, and that we may be courageous in ever seeking to be brought into Unity.

DECATUR

Decatur Meeting started in 1967. In the 1968 "State of the Meeting" report, Agnita Wright wrote: "Can we, in our tiny numbers, find enough spiritual depth to sustain and support us in a constant renewal of faith?" For 35 years, the answer to that question has been "yes".

We continue to have 100% attendance most 1st Days with our five members/attender who draw strength from worshipping together. One of our group was with the original group of people who started the meeting; two of our group have been attending for 24 years; and two of our group have been attending for five years. Everyone in our meeting continues to be actively involved in the Decatur community.

We can rejoice in the knowledge that for over 35 years many lives have been changed by being a part of Decatur Monthly Meeting. This was exemplified in two meaningful memorial services we held in the past two years—one for Thomas Protzman in spring 2000 and the second in the spring of 2002 for Milli Protzman. Messages from friends and family attested to the huge impact these people had on their lives.

DOWNERS GROVE

Membership: We continue to be a vital society with 49 members. This year we happily welcomed into membership Andrea Wolfe, who grew up in our meeting.

We were happy to learn that Don and Carey Smith Moorman have a new foster daughter, Kaleigh, whom they hope to adopt; she is the granddaughter of Dorothy and Dave Moorman. We rejoiced at the arrival of Fiona, daughter of Kate MacCrimmon and Todd Faulhaber, and granddaughter of Don and Barbara MacCrimmon, now in Madison, WI.

Several Downers Grove Friends were present at the Ossiwippee Boy Scout chapel in Michigan when Susan Bisset and Ronal Derby exchanged promises October 6.

We miss Patty (Davis) & Mark Erickson, and children Frederik and Nikolas very much. Patty's membership was transferred to a church near their home in Skokie.

We mourn the deaths of Virginia and Clyde Dupois. A memorial service celebrating their lives was held. Another service memorialized Jeanne Maloy's mother.

Meeting Activities and Programs: For fun, we had a canoe outing weekend in August for all ages on the Fox River. In September we had the pleasure of hosting Friends World Committee for Consultation. A landscape workday in October was followed by a fall festival Halloween party.

First Day School invited people to share stories of Quakers past and present during the assembly. Adult Religious Education includes a reading and discussion group twice a month before meeting for worship and Bible study once a month.

At a meeting retreat in March at the Franciscan Sisters' Motherhouse in Wheaton, a variety of discussion topics had something for everyone. The subject of the ongoing care of the meeting brought out feelings of being overburdened. These feelings were not expressed by those doing the big jobs, but were in response to routine tasks. We are blessed with the large efforts of those who are taking on major responsibilities in the meeting year after year. An effort is being made to ease the stress of routine jobs.

For many the journey of the soul is the most important aspect of their lives. This journey needs to be nourished. For this, gathering once a week is not enough. The spiritual vitality of a meeting is greatly enhanced by getting together during the week or before or after meeting for worship. We saw this happen when the early morning meditation at the meeting-house, now in its sixth year, became a spiritual support group where year after year we saw lives change.

Outreach: We participate in the Walk-In Ministry program coordinated by Love Christian Clearinghouse, a program which provides short term assistance to those in the community who are in need.

A representative from the meeting attends the Downers Grove Ministerium with other local church leaders.

We had two stellar evenings of healing sitar music with Patric Marks in conjunction with people from Hinsdale Wellness House. Also, the monthly Meeting for Healing continues to attract people from the wider community.

Neighborhood Boy Scouts are using the meeting house once a week for troop meetings. Despite opposition to certain policies at national level, we wanted to help the boys themselves. Using it as a teachable moment, a letter was sent to the national organization expressing opposition to the banning of gays in the troop. We met with local sponsors and troop leaders to inform them of our position and our expectations for their use of the meeting space.

Congratulations to Brad Ogilvie, who did the AIDS ride by bicycle between Minneapolis and Chicago, and to Lance Wilcox whose writings were published in *Quaker Life*.

Care, Concerns & Blessings: A time to express concerns, ask for prayers, and rejoice in blessings continues to be offered at the end of meeting for worship. Of special care and concern to us has been Jim Sprinkle and his family through the long process of finding a suitable bone marrow donor, and we rejoice that as this is written he is in recovery following transplant.

Events of Sept. 11: The events of Sept. 11, 2001, present new challenges and opportunities. Individuals from our meeting wrote letters, signed petitions, and participated in vigils in Chicago and the suburbs. The situation has presented opportunities to challenge militaristic solutions on the world scene and to promote nonviolent responses to aggression. It has stimulated a coming together of peace-minded citizens from many quarters, and especially, an opening to get to know members of the Islamic community in our midst. Participation continues with a coalition of local churches and organizations which gathered in response to the world situation.

New Building: The New Meeting House Committee (formerly Accessibility) is moving ahead. Some minds were put at ease when a minute was approved stating that it is not our desire to sell the south portion of our property to help finance the building. "Quaker 8's" potluck dinners helped the process with opportunities to express ideas and feelings in small groups. A major building project involves more than bricks and mortar. It impacts fears and hopes and expectations on many levels. We are slowly making progress.

-Betty Clegg

DUNELAND

This has been a year of simplifying our meeting life so that we could focus more on the spiritual during a period of diminishing attendance and during a period of tension. There are only seven regular adult attenders constituting this small meeting. Out of a desire to use our limited energy for worship, fellowship, and Bible study, we decided to lay down our separate committees and planned programs and to handle decisions as a whole. The divorce of two of our members early in the year was stressful as we all struggled to find and grow in our new relationships.

The Religious Education Committee, though not meeting regularly, still holds a concern for the religious education of children and adults and intends to meet if a need arises. The two children who attend meeting regularly have been invited to join us in worship. Though there are no formal or planned First Day school classes, sometimes a Friend is led to take one of the children out for a story or a conversation. The semi-programmed Family Worship occurs when a Friend is led to plan it, rather than monthly, and our Mid-Winter Gathering will also take place when a Friend is led to plan it.

The adults have found the use of the Friendly Bible Study curriculum valuable. Every session generates much spiritual food for thought. The adults have also enjoyed studying a book together, meeting periodically to discuss the reading. We have studied *The Barn at the End of the World* and *George Fox and the Valiant Sixty*. We acknowledge the personal cost that some experience in being faithful attenders at Bible study or book discussion. Our meeting relationships are not always easy. Sometimes we carry with us into worship upset or anger that we have felt during the Bible study or book discussion evening. When we bring those feelings into meeting, it does not add to our quality of worship.

The Ministry and Counsel Committee, though not meeting regularly, still holds a concern for the quality of our worship and the care of our members and attenders and intends to meet if a need arises. As a whole we try to be sensitive to the spiritual and temporal needs of Friends. Four of our resident members have been drawn to seek other or parallel worship communities because of a dissatisfaction with our meeting place, because Meeting for Worship has become dry for them, because they are seeking a new home as intra-Meeting relationships have changed or because they wish not to travel so far every First Day. On an occasional First Day there are not enough of us present to hold Meeting for Worship. Some of us have begun to examine how Duneland Meeting continues to be faithful to Divine leading as well as examining just what that leading might be. Still, we continue to come together with appreciation to experience the Presence of God and spiritual growth in the company of others.

Despite these struggles, we continue to care for our members as we are able. Two of our members live in retirement communities and appreciate occasional assistance. In the fall we co-hosted, with South Bend Friends Meeting, a home renovation for Sandy Bowles. Much hard work was done to spruce up her house amidst Quaker friendship.

Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business occurs once every two or three months. It seems to be enough to fulfill our obligations to other Quaker bodies and to keep our finances in order. We handle business on an "as needed" basis between formal meetings for business. If decisions are made between formal meetings, we make an effort to minute them.

Most Duneland Friends attended IYM this year and several of us continue to serve in wider Quaker circles. These wider Quaker commitments enrich our spiritual lives in ways our small meeting cannot. We have two children attending Scattergood Friends School in Iowa, one of whom will graduate this next year. In addition to regular Meeting for Worship, we continue to enjoy a time of fellowship with a monthly potluck in the home of a Friend. We would welcome a visit. Please, be sure to call first to confirm where we are meeting and for directions.

Thus we acknowledge much hard-won spiritual growth during the last year while recognizing that this does not always come easily or at all. Sometimes we experience the Light incompletely. Yet we know that it is available to us in all its radiance both personally and corporately. We pray for the grace to receive the Light fully.

EVANSTON

"This is the word of the Lord God to you all and a charge to you all in the presence of the living God; be patterns, be examples in all countries, places, islands, nations, wherever you come; that your carriage and life may preach among all sorts of people, and to them. Then you will come to walk cheerfully over the world, answering that of God in everyone." - George Fox

Evanston Friends is an unprogrammed meeting north of Chicago. Getting to know each other in that which is eternal is important to us. Our meeting is spiritually enriched by our annual Silent Retreat in October, and by the sharing of individual spiritual journeys each month. The meeting values knowledge of Quaker history and the testimonies, leading us each year to have an "Inquirers Group" to introduce newcomers to Quaker traditions and practices. Long-standing members also attend, as we find that all benefit from reviewing our history and encountering the testimonies. Our connections to each other grow also through our Spiritual Formation groups and Friends Dinners for eight. On September 11, word was spread through e-mail and a phone tree that our meetinghouse would be open that evening. We drew together seeking guidance and support as we entered a time of unknowing and sought ways to make God's loving power known in the wake of the tragic World Trade Towers plane crashes and collapse.

Our annual meeting self-evaluation, Organizing Our Hope, revealed that adults wish they had more contact with our growing children. Religious Education remains a priority in

our budget and energy resources. At present, children and adults are together at monthly potluck dinners and first Sunday of each month pancake breakfasts. Adults appreciate having children at the beginning of worship each Sunday. After twenty minutes in worship, the child-care person leads the children downstairs for classes, singing, and guided activities. There are four classes with two teachers each. The younger classes use Jubilee Bible Curriculum. The Junior High class is studying world religions as a way of understanding Quakerism. They participate in "Change for Change," an AFSC service project. Each June the meeting honors the teachers and the children with a picnic and presentation of Quaker books for their growing library.

During the "second hour discussion," adults explore spiritual, social, and political issues, ranging from globalization, to right sharing of the world's resources. We foster community building through Friday night movies, house and grounds workdays, parties for babies born into our meeting family, and welcoming parties for new members. A special going away recognition was held for two students leaving for college, and for two families (one moved to Oregon and one moved to Rome for a year). It is at times like these that we experience how deeply we are connected to each other.

"I saw also that there was an ocean of darkness and death, but an infinite ocean of light and love which flowed over the ocean of darkness." - George Fox

As our minds are opened, through worship, to God's power and love, we channel our response to human need through our peace and social concerns committee. "Friends of Latin America" continues to support young adults in Guatemala.

"Friends of Africa" is helping support a Kenyan pastor now studying in Haviland, Kansas, and is also contributing funds to a new community library for the Nairobi Friends Meeting. We have continued to support "Right Sharing of World Resources" through two fall media sales, and the proceeds from once-a-month simple meals, where the cost of a normal lunch is donated by each person. Individual Friends have answered God's call to work on causes to protect our earth and to bring peace and healing to the world. One member joined Christian Peacemakers on a discovery trip to Chiapas, Mexico. One member was led to renew the drive for the United States to have a Department of Peace. Local peace and justice organizations have chosen Evanston Friends Meetinghouse as their meeting place. The Evanston Circle of the Interreligious Sustainability Project meets monthly in our Meeting House. We have twice hosted AFSC area-wide educational evenings. The first was the visit of three peacemakers from Ramallah and Palestine and Israel. The next occasion was an evening of film and stories about Iraq, accompanied by a beans and rice meal.

The commandment "Thou Shalt Not Kill" and current news releases about death-row inmates who were found innocent and released from prison inspired a group of area Quakers to form "Quakers Against the Death Penalty." This group formulated a minute, which was approved at a Monthly Meeting for Business. Another group of concerned persons is working on a meeting statement regarding September 11 and the war in Afghanistan.

"And your strength is, to stand still, that ye may receive refreshings; that ye may know how to wait and how to walk before God, by the Spirit of God within you." - George Fox

With so many opportunities and inspirations to live in the light in this shadowy world, it is often difficult to "stand still and receive refreshings." We find we each respond in the light of our own talent - some to organize, some to contribute money, others to pack a bag and go to heal wounds. We do find it important to seek Divine Guidance so that our full strength can be directed as God calls us.

Our Evanston Meeting relies greatly on our committee ministry to keep our community working smoothly. We thank the Nominating Committee for the recognition of individual talents and for selecting individuals who inspire each other to be creative in following Quaker practices in our meeting lives. The Trustees, Ministry and Counsel, Library, Peace and Social Concerns, Religious Education, and House and Grounds Committees, work together to keep our meeting and meetinghouse in good working order. We are fortunate that a dedicated newsletter editor keeps us informed of happenings within our Meeting Family and

opportunities to connect with other organizations in our area. Also, we are very appreciative of the great work of our meeting treasurer and our meetinghouse caretaker.

Our members are active in both Western Yearly Meeting and in Illinois Yearly Meeting, participating on boards and special committees. Trustees allocate equal financial support to the two branches of Friends with which we are affiliated, FUM and FGC. This spring, we welcomed Curt Shaw, General Superintendent of Western Yearly Meeting, to speak with us.

In all we do, we seek God's will and guidance. The meeting community is now in the process of exploring its corporate spiritual journey. This process is, in part, our effort to address the joys and tribulations of being a member in two different Yearly Meetings, Western Yearly Meeting and Illinois Yearly Meeting, which differ on some points of Faith and Practice and offer multiple sources of inspiration and examples of faith in action.

Respectfully submitted, Jeanette Baker, Diane Barounis, Jean Petrolle
Clyde Baker and Jeanette Baker, Co-Clerks

HEARTLAND WORSHIP GROUP

The year for Heartland Worship Group in Bloomington-Normal, Illinois, has been an eventful one in many ways. We continue to meet Sunday mornings in homes with meditation, ministry, and fellowship. We are pleased that two new attenders, Kathy Tornquist and Kathy McGrane, have joined us recently for worship and participation with us. We are extremely saddened that Wayne Benenson is leaving us with his wife, Renae, after 14 years for new uncertain challenges and adventures in New Mexico.

Following the events of September 11, we were involved with the Bloomington-Normal Friends Meeting in forming the Bloomington-Normal Citizens for Peace and Justice, joining with many concerned persons in the community seeking a constructive response. Some of us also served as witnesses at the Bloomington-Normal Islamic Center.

Our energies and prayers in the last eight months have focused on supporting those in our group who have had significant surgeries. Since October, Paul Schobernd has had three surgeries, first for a broken ankle, then for neck surgery several weeks later, and finally because of a dissolved disc another neck surgery; because his recovery has been slow and painful, he has taken disability leave to search for next directions in his life. Roy Treadway had knee surgery in December but is fully recovered. Carolyn (Wilbur) Treadway had retinal eye surgery followed by cataract surgery in the same eye. She still cannot see clearly, but we hope further healing will take place that will bring sharper vision.

Despite these health challenges, we joined with Friends from the Bloomington-Normal Meeting in hosting about 1,500 Friends from all over the United States and the world at the annual Friends General Conference gathering at Illinois State University June 30 to July 6 (2002). Beth Schobernd served as co-clerk of the Local Arrangements sub-committee while Carolyn (W.) and Roy Treadway coordinated field trips. Our small worship group was both challenged and blessed by this involvement with wider Quakerism. Following the Gathering we joined with Bloomington-Normal Friends for Meeting for Worship and a "We Did It!" celebration, complete with cake.

We have learned much about suffering and healing and the emotional, physical, and spiritual value of supporting one another during these difficult times personally and globally. Perhaps, we have also been deepened in the Spirit to provide valuable witness to our members and to others in the world who are suffering.

Roy C. Treadway, Co-Convener

LAKE FOREST

As Lake Forest Meeting begins its 50th year, it continues to provide spiritual sustenance and growth through worshipful silence and loving community.

We have gained no new members since last July, but we have several new attenders, and many of these are quite active. We mourned the passing of Carol Scattergood and Janet

Ullmann, and we continue to celebrate their lives. Kristin Fuhrmann and Susan Crangle have transferred to other meetings. Katherine Wengel married Jay Young under the care of the meeting in February in a lovely evening meeting for worship. Lyn Cima has moved to Maine, and we miss her terribly.

We nurture the spirits of our new members and attenders, our children, and our seasoned members and attenders through classes, forums, and fellowship. We put more stress this year on exploring what it means to be a Quaker with pre-Meeting discussions on topics such as the quality of meetings for worship. We also emphasized Friendly topics in our forums this year, especially topics of Quaker concern in foreign countries, such as Columbia and Iraq. Continuing a focusing experiment from last year, many members worked on “This I Affirm” statements to summarize their religious beliefs. We find that all of our gatherings give us a chance to foster a Friendly atmosphere that hopefully “rubs off” and goes with us into our daily lives.

Our First Day school seems more vibrant than in recent years. The two younger classes have emphasized Bible study and Quaker history, while the high school children have studied the Sermon on the Mount, queries, and arriving at a “sense of the meeting.” They have also practiced putting their faith into action by studying various worthy causes and raising funds for those causes. At the rise of meeting, the children now present short reports about what they did in First Day school, and we find that this both helps the children articulate what they are learning and brings the adults and children together.

Our committees had some extra struggles this year, wrestling more than usual with problems such as understanding responsibilities and scope, finding time to work on tasks, meeting attendance, and resolving differences of opinion. But throughout our difficulties, we found a good spirit of community that would not be shattered, and there are many committed individuals who provide loving labor. To help us in coming years, each committee is preparing brief descriptions of responsibilities, to be elaborated in the future. We hope that this will help our members make informed decisions about how they want to serve and to help our committees work more effectively.

Many members of our meeting community are involved and active in the Society of Friends outside our Meeting and in witnessing for peace and justice in the world. Janice Domanik, Cathy Garra, Kerry Hall, Chuck Hutchcraft, Elizabeth Mertic, Maurine Pyle, David Shiner, Linda Sizemore, Matthew Smith, Nancy Wallace, and several others have been active in Illinois Yearly Meeting, Friends General Conference, FWCC, and the AFSC. As a Meeting, we continue to help cook and staff a homeless shelter once a month and we donate to many worthy causes. We find that as a Meeting, we are not as courageous as Friends were in prior centuries. We would like to find more courage and willingness to practice our faith. Moreover, sometimes the courage is needed not so much when it’s time to face the world, but when it’s time to disturb the placid waters of our Meeting by asking Friends to hold an issue in the Light and to persist until consensus is reached. And often, the willingness to be active is there, but the willingness to simplify our lives in order to make room is not.

Meeting for worship remains the center of Meeting life. As in most years, some meetings have been more gathered than others. We have struggled to keep earthly cares from clouding the voice of the Spirit in our messages and our silence. We strive to help each other center on that of God in each of us. And in the meantime, we continue to experience many periods of expectant, living silence and many messages that truly speak to our condition. In response to the events of September 11, we held a special meeting for worship on September 13, at the same time as meetings held by Philadelphia Yearly Meeting and perhaps others across the country. Coming together, we felt the warmth of each other and the comfort of the Spirit. We continue to hold ourselves, our leaders, and all those who suffer both here and in Afghanistan in the Light.

As we look ahead, we know that we will be focusing on our history as we celebrate our 50th anniversary. (Our 50th anniversary Jubilee will be held on Columbus Day weekend, and

we welcome Friends from other meetings to help us celebrate – please contact a Lake Forest Meeting member for details.) We also want to become more involved and outspoken as a Meeting in the affairs of the world, especially in witnessing for peace. Back in 1966, Allie Walton put the idea of pacifism into words in a letter she wrote to Wally Winter:

A pacifist knows that there is violence and conflict, but he refuses to admit that violence is the only way to resolve conflict. He tries to live in such a way that violence can be controlled, that the desperately violent situation may not ever arise. I don't think it's really necessary for a man to have to decide that he will *never* resort to violence. The thing that matters is whether he sincerely and utterly believes that war is futile, ridiculous, intolerable and immoral.

Marie Lindsay, 26 August, 2002

MILWAUKEE

This year, Milwaukee Meeting resumed all of our myriad activities while learning to live in our beautifully redesigned and enlarged space. The building process was a challenge requiring both care and effort. The surrounding land preserve has undergone extensive repairs.

Some note, and most agree, that our new space is magical. We love the beautiful, yet unobtrusive lighting, and a list of praises can and has gone on and on. We are still both delighted and perplexed by acoustical surprises that, though wonderful for singing, generate friction in a group that values both silence and socializing. We have had to discipline ourselves as to when and where conversations may be held. And, we are reminded of the need to prepare our hearts and minds for worship before arriving. Sadly, because of disputes during the building process, several people have stopped attending. We hope that they will not forever exclude themselves.

As disastrous events unfolded in September and October, we were called to open our Meetinghouse to the community, and to pray together. Speaking out against military strikes, several members had work published on peaceful responses to violence, and were interviewed by the press. Throughout the year we have continued to work on various social concerns. Regular visits to a maximum security prison continue, as does our support of Peacemakers Day Camp, Quaker testimony grants in the neighborhood, free and reduced fee use of meeting space, our neighbor Gaenslen Public School's food pantry, Project Return, Habitat for Humanity, Casa Maria, FCNL Action, Inter-Faith Conference of Greater Milwaukee, and Milwaukee Inner City Congregations Allied for Hope. Our Loaves and Fishes Committee collects books for the Milwaukee County jail, and assembles holiday food baskets and gifts for mothers and children at a local drug rehabilitation facility. We support a member of our community who is in prison. Our annual gift shop to benefit the AFSC was resumed last December. Our expanded building worked beautifully for the event.

We find ourselves challenged to meet the needs of an expanding group of spiritual seekers of all ages. Quakerism 101 classes were well attended to the point of overflowing. There is a public "Invitation to Stillness" every Wednesday evening followed by Worshipful Sharing of Singing. Monday night prayer meetings are bi-monthly. Every first day morning begins with singing before meeting for worship.

Our expanding First Day School program has benefited from use of the curriculum entitled "God's Rainbow". It also includes material on peacemakers, on recognizing the divine, on familiarity with the Bible and Quakerism, and on instilling in them a Quaker identity and the sense that they are welcomed and contributing members of our community. The children are enthusiastic about the Heifer Project, learning about the power of helping people to establish economic independence, and raising funds to support it.

Many members and attenders from Milwaukee regularly visit the Kenosha Worship Group, which continues to meet at Hawthorne Glen in Kenosha. Recently, a Milwaukee west-side worship group has begun meeting bi-weekly, with strong support from the Meet-

ing. We have maintained our long-standing commitments to both Northern Yearly Meeting and Illinois Yearly Meeting.

In spite of an influx of families with young children, actual membership statistics have not changed. However, member Carmen Pitre and partner Mary Triggiano have been blessed with daughter Natalie Triggiano, attenders Julie Nelson and Brady Christoph with infant son Calvin Christoph, and Becky Wheeler and Rob Vajagich, with son George Vajagich, and Alissa and David Rowan with son Noah Rowan, and Margaret Froh was born to Gretchen and Craig Froh. We were much saddened by the unexpected deaths of longtime attenders Don Tresch and Andy Arnosti.

We noted the sixtieth anniversary of the first meeting of the Milwaukee Worship Group in August, and we celebrated our fiftieth anniversary as a Monthly Meeting in October (delayed one year by construction), thanks to logistical planning and efforts of many volunteers. The celebration, a gala affair shared with out-of-town guests, involved creative displays, a workshop on our history, tours of the building and land, shared meals, a group photo, and contra dancing, as well as silent worship. The collection of paintings and photographs by people associated with us was astounding. We were touched by "Faces of Hope," a song written for the occasion, and at other times by a song and a poem on the theme of integrity and courage written by children. We gathered for a weekend in-house retreat focused on families and the Meeting family in February, and, again, had a lot of fun.

In March we agreed to proceed with the establishment of regular weekday use of the lower level of the Meetinghouse by Lifeways, a very innovative day care program, with details and contract yet to be developed. We are also developing a peace learning center for local school children that we think will be compatible with the day care program.

Some changes in our modus operandi include the use of written rather than spoken announcements, escalating communication by e-mail, and program evolution in Women's Spirituality and Men's Spirit. The size and complexity of our budget, financial holdings, and debts have become mind-boggling to at least some of us. There are many other items of note that cannot be detailed here. All in all, we remain grateful for the many blessings and people of Milwaukee Meeting.

NORTHSIDE

Northside Friends Meeting (NFM) continues to embrace and struggle with change and growth this year. Many new attenders have come to worship with us. We enjoy and welcome their energy and spirit but continually search for the best way to integrate them. At the same time, we have had to say farewell to more experienced Quakers from our midst. Consequently we are suffering from a lack of consolidation into a critical mass of people who understand Quaker tradition. This is holding us back from many forms of growth – such as growth in terms of our abilities to put Quaker traditions into practice, and express our presence in the local, national, and global communities.

We held a worship sharing to answer the queries posed by Illinois Yearly Meeting: How does Truth fare in our Meeting? What is the most severe concern or growing edge your meeting is facing? What is keeping you as a monthly meeting from growing/moving forward?

It is perhaps diagnostic of NFM that many of us did not understand the first query. Does it refer to honesty and how honest we are with each other, or does it hearken back to early Quakers referring to the Light within and whether we are acting/speaking/seeking in accordance with the Light? In both senses, NFM is in a growth process; first as we struggle to be honest with each other and deal with conflict within our Meeting while being tender to all; and second as we attempt to educate and discipline ourselves to provide a deeper quality to worship, from which the Truth arises. As was true last year, we need to integrate our newcomers and educate our entire community in Quaker values and traditions in order to strengthen our identity as a Quaker covenant community, and deepen the quality of our wor-

ship. We hope this will give us the ability to go forth from our little enclave into the world around us.

An unusually high number of requests for membership were made this year, and a threshing session was held to begin a discussion of what it means to be a member of NFM. The House and Space Committee is guiding us in activities to help us discern who we are as a Meeting with the aim of understanding our future direction. A presentation by Milwaukee MM's George Owen on their experience of adding on to their meetinghouse helped initiate this process. The Education and Development Committee has organized two 6 week Quakerism 101 courses (with more to follow) to help give both new and seasoned attenders a deeper understanding of Quakerism, and also sponsored a clerks class for both clerks and members/attenders in May. Ministry and Counsel sponsored a fall retreat on vocal ministry, and we are starting a mid-week Meeting for Worship on Fourth Days. Faith Romano presented her spiritual journey to us last June. A Meeting picnic at the lakeshore last summer reminded us that part of community building is to have fun together. In addition to these new ventures, we have held monthly Inquirer's Breakfasts, hold Query Talk on second First Days, sustain a Quaker men's group that meets every other week and held a daylong retreat in April, offer Yoga before Meeting on third First Days (led by Drea Pedesich, Mark Robinson, and Marie White), hold Meeting for Healing on fourth Fourth Days (with gratitude to Beth Burbank), and we continue to have a two tiered children's program. Young Friends Chris Earp, Kyran Esler, and Alice Thatcher attended Camp Woodbrooke last summer. Many Northsiders attended IYM Annual Meeting and FGC Annual Gathering. Northside involvement with IYM Women's Weekend continues to strengthen with many Northsiders attending and Elizabeth Sprague clerking in 2001 and Michaelle Cooke clerking in 2002. We approved our handbook this year, and we now have a library cart and a librarian, Rebecca Straus.

Our State of Society report would not be complete without mentioning the events of September 11th, which touched our meeting in many ways. We met for a specially called Meeting for Worship on the evening of September 11th, and Margot Gordon organized our attendance at a vigil outside a local mosque later that week to show our support of Islamic peoples; Elizabeth Sprague worked to reduce hate crimes against Arab-Americans through the Horizon Community Service Anti-Violence Project; the wedding of Jess Cohen and Michael Palmer, originally scheduled for September 15th, was postponed; and Katharine Jager, who currently resides in New York City, was moved to apply for membership at a distance. NFM was able to provide hospitality to Alfred U'Ren and Laura Flamand, a couple from Rochester Meeting, who were stranded in Chicago while enroute from Mexico to England. Northsiders were moved to actively witness for peace, partly in response to September 11 and partly because of the events in the Mid-East. Many are participating in local peace marches and rallies, and Jen Chapin-Harris and Sophie de la Mar went to Washington to witness for peace as well. NFM agreed to sponsor Brayton Gray as a member of a Christian Peacemakers Team scheduled to go to the Mid-East in July.

We have as a Meeting done some other reaching out into the world as well. We continued to work to abolish the death penalty in Illinois by writing letters, sponsoring Death Sentence 2002, supporting our ad hoc committee against the death penalty as they painted community murals and banners against the death penalty along with Amnesty International club students at Walter Payton High School, holding a keyed Meeting for Worship to participate in the Faith I Action week-end sponsored by Amnesty International, which included reading the names of the 161 people on death row. The Quakers Against the Death Penalty, an inter-meeting group, sponsored a community forum on the death penalty at the Fellowship of Friends church as the afternoon program for Metropolitan Chicago General Meeting. Robin Johnson, Paz St. John, Jen, and Sophie went to Springfield for Lobby Day.

Our prison ministry continues with Sophie's correspondence with Donnell Joseph and with 8 other prisoners across the nation and with visitation to Condemned Unit prisoners by Sophie, Brayton Gray, and Luis Vera. In addition, our First Day School children made cards, and collected items for and put together "joy bags" for Cook County inmates at Christmas.

Paz has continued his peaceful presence at School of the Americas watches.

Besides social witness, NFM members and attenders have been actively involved in repairing structural damage to the IYM Meetinghouse, and participating in the annual Memorial Day work weekend.

NFM sponsored the FLGC Mid-Winter Gathering in Zion with Doug Tipton, Colleen Reardon, and Tom Stabnicki playing major roles in the planning and organizing of the Gathering. Tom also delivered the keynote address.

The Friendly Folkdancers came to town to participate in the Mid-Winter Gathering, and brought their program to NFM on First Day afternoon. Brayton, Sophie, and Tom Dix danced as part of the programs.

Marti Matthews published a chapter, "God the Fox", in *God the Trickster*. Patricia Monaghan published a book titled *Irish Spirit*.

Elizabeth Sprague received the Jon Jost Volunteer of the Year award in June for her work with Horizon's Community Service Anti-Violence Project.

Though we acknowledge a high level of activity and hard work, there is a sense at NFM that, in contrast with our physical growth spurt, our spiritual growth needs to catch up with us. With all the inevitable change that comes with being an urban meeting in temporary housing, we may not yet have firm enough roots to sink as deeply into our spirituality as we would like to. There is also a sense that we need to be more disciplined in our truth seeking, and at times we need to remember to be tender while speaking truthfully.

OAK PARK

God provides many portals to His/Her house. Members and attenders of Oak Park Friends Meeting enter the house through corporate silent worship occasionally enhanced by vocal ministry. Our corporate prayerfulness helps us to grow together in the Spirit.

Although some would like more vocal ministry, the Living Silence connects us deeply to each other and to the Spirit, and refreshes all during Meetings for Worship. A query from *Faith & Practice* is read each month. After meeting, Friends often realize that several people shared similar experiences during worship, an indication of the corporate unity of the Meeting and, we trust, of God's creativity at work. The sharing time after Meeting keeps Friends aware of each other's personal lives.

Most of our committees have not met this year, so our Meetings for Worship with a Concern for Business have had more to do. Because our Clerk values giving sufficient time for all to speak, these Meetings are often quite lengthy. Adult Education attenders have been reading John Punshon's *Encounter with Silence*. Reading and discussing this book have led us to grow together in the Spirit. The First Day School program used "Teaching the Queries to Quaker Children" as a curriculum; adult Friends have shared the teaching of these lessons.

Other opportunities to grow together in the Spirit occurred when we all provided and served dinners to the PADS homeless shelter every fifth Friday. We lovingly assisted Pam Timme through her Clearness Committee. Helen Dickinson plays spiritual music for us with her flute before our Meetings. We come together for the annual Christmas and Children's Day potlucks, enjoying music, games, fun, food, and laughter. We keep in touch with a long-time attender who moved to a retirement home in another community, by phone and visits. Carrie Melin gave a gift-wrapping party for our annual Christmas Adopt-a-Family project. We have provided help and support to each other in many different ways.

With great joy we celebrated Pam's becoming a member after many years of attending. In addition, we have welcomed several new attenders this year. Our Meeting was asked to provide a memorial service for a man who had attended several years ago; the service was held and all felt blessed by it.

To nurture our Meeting we established a Seed Fund this year. It is a symbol of our corporate faith and hope. This fund has been used to purchase numerous books and copies of *Faith & Practice*, several subscriptions to *Friends Journal*, and a pizza party for First Day School. It may provide scholarships for the Friends General Conference Gathering.

In spite of our small number, we have been active in the broader Quaker community. Katherine Trezevant continues on IYM's Youth Oversight Committee and attends the Women's Weekend. Rosalind Larsen represents us at MCGM meetings. Carrie and Judy Erickson participate on IYM's Ministry & Advancement Committee, and Judy has taken on various IYM tasks for the South Chicago area. Carrie and Judy visited Lake Forest Meeting for the M&A Committee. Burke Shipley, Helen and Rosalind attended the challenging and inspiring Fellowship of Friends meeting on the abolition of the death penalty.

Oak Park Friends witnessed to our Testimonies beyond our Meeting in many ways. Our Meeting was one of many sponsors of the weekend conference, "Death Sentence 2002," held at DePaul University (which four of us attended). Burke has been deeply involved with this issue, and was one of about 100 who traveled to Springfield in April to lobby for House Bill 576 (to abolish the death penalty). Carrie worked on Project Lakota, building houses on the Pine Ridge Reservation (an AFSC & Intermountain Yearly Meeting project). We hosted an Open House during Oak Park's "Walk of Faith," an ecumenical event to enhance mutual understanding and respect (one of a series of events celebrating Oak Park's centennial). Several of us visited other congregations, as well.

The tragedy of 9/11 began a time of challenge for the peace community. Oak Park Friends have responded in several ways, but some feel that we have not responded adequately to the challenge. On the evening of 9/11 several Friends gathered to worship and grieve together. We held an Adult Education session to discuss it in a worship sharing format, and we sent a donation to New York Quarterly Meeting. Carrie gave a presentation of the pacifist perspective on a panel for the upper school at Elgin Academy during a "Teach-In." Although we were saddened by the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon and understand the desire for action, we also try to understand and sympathize with the difficulties articulated by the nonviolent Muslim communities.

In conclusion, Oak Park Friends Meeting is blessed with Spiritual fellowship and service to others. However, we continue to strive for deeper Spiritual guidance and communion.

To create this report Oak Park Friends were guided by a set of Queries developed by Columbia Monthly Meeting. We thank Columbia Friends for their work, and David Finke for sending it our way.

OSHKOSH

This year, it has been brought home to us that all that affects one of us has a much greater impact upon the meeting as a whole than it might in a larger meeting. Some of the things that have affected each of us this year are ongoing, personal struggles with the economy, the small size of our meeting, illness and its impact on the member(s) and the meeting, the death of one of our most consistent attendees, the growing militarism of the world, and our country's fertilization of that militarism.

We have shifted practices to those most interested and skilled in the doing and sometimes depended on faithful attendees to take up some of the slack. We have asked for volunteers to do things such as writing letters on their own time and then submitting them to meeting for approval before sending, rather than composing the letters as a group via consensus. What we might have done as a meeting in the past now may be done by one or two representatives of the meeting, in the meeting's name. Some of the business of meeting now gets done by the telephone, rather than in a full meeting for business or worship. Some of our members have started a worship group on a different day than Sunday to accommodate those who now find Sunday a difficult day to attend worship.

Our emphasis has always been on practicing both the letter and the spirit of our Faith. That has not changed. Often, however, what we would like the practice to be has had to change due to circumstances that affect our members. This is not easy to cope with and often weighs on the spirit. We have labored long with varying degrees of attendance, contributions

and re-defining the importance and priorities of various duties. We have found that letting God lead is a lot easier to say than to do. Having and practicing endurance, flexibility, understanding and tolerance of each other's constraints has been most important in this past year. For the most part, we have succeeded.

PEORIA-GALESBURG

Our small meeting has been coping with the difficulty of attracting and keeping attenders and members. Distance is a significant problem for some, the lack of sufficient children to provide for child care and youth education another issue. Personal changes in individuals' professional lives and health have cost us the presence of several members, who are dearly missed. Most of our members leave the area for at least part of the summer, and family responsibilities make it impossible to hold meeting for worship during holidays. Yet we somehow survive.

Like others, we were shocked by the terrorist attacks of September 11. However, our members are old enough to remember other terrible moments and experienced enough to understand that the world is a complex place. We tend to view pacifism as a personal decision and national defense a state responsibility. We believe that the Society of Friends is a religious body, not fundamentally a political lobby, and we are concerned that some Friends seem to concentrate too much on the issues of the moment.

Our meeting is pleased to have provided Adam Bee with his introduction to the Society of Friends. He became a faithful attender and in part through his experiences with us was motivated to enroll at Earlham College.

-William Urban

ROCK VALLEY

Our report is based on a worship sharing session focusing on the queries given us by Illinois Yearly Meeting:

How fares the Truth in your meeting?

What is the most severe concern or growing edge your meeting is facing? How are you responding?

What is keeping you as a monthly meeting from growing or moving forward?

The "Truth" seems to be a problematic concept. Not all of us know what the Truth is. Each person's idea of the Truth may be different. We have very different opinions but still love each other and care for each other. Some of us do not feel comfortable speaking the Truth in meeting (although meeting is a more comfortable place for Truth than any other). Many of us are reluctant to speak in meeting and often stifle urges to speak. Truth is continually being revealed to us. There is good listening in our meeting and we feel free to say things here that may be unpopular. There is much diversity in our meeting (regarding our backgrounds and opinions) which is a positive attribute, and yet we feel that we are a community.

Aging and approaching death are concerns of our meeting. (About half of our regular attenders are over 70 years old.) This topic has recently been discussed in our religious education sessions. A related concern is our small size and whether the meeting will survive in the long run. In its 50 year existence this meeting has always been small (less than 20 members/attenders). We often feel hampered and frustrated by our small size. Are we doing all we could/should regarding outreach? And what should outreach consist of? People go where there is something offered. Do we have anything to offer? Perhaps we have no spiritual "fireworks." We are also challenged to trust each other enough to speak out clearly and outright about what moves us. We need more depth to our spirituality and need to become more comfortable with spirituality, letting it have a greater influence on our lives.

In the past this meeting has "outdone" itself with projects and programs and has gained a reputation within the Rockford community, IYM, and even FGC. We've been "taking a

rest” for several years now and maybe we are once again ripe for having a project or program to focus on. This may bring “fireworks,” intimacy, and satisfaction. There is a joy of being that we do not always feel; the excitement is missing. We need more opportunities for intimacy of sharing thoughts and feelings. Some of us have very full or very cluttered lives which leaves less time for meeting activities. Age inhibits some of us from being as active as we would like. Do we, individually and corporately, have the qualities and behaviors that support our stated beliefs?

FRIENDS MEETING OF ROLLA

Our meeting convenes on every First Day (FD) at 10:30 AM on the premises of the Wesley Foundation (WF) building in Rolla. The number of persons in attendance has varied from one person to approximately fifteen persons. We are grateful to the WF of Rolla for permitting us to use their facilities.

On the second FD of the month, after the meeting for worship, we regularly discuss some writings on the philosophy of religion. Currently we are discussing the book *Why Christianity Must Change or Die* by Anglican bishop John Shelby Spong.

An event of special significance for our meeting recently was a three-hour seminar on prayer led by Roxy Jacobs from Indiana. We found the discussions in the seminar to be very insightful and rewarding.

Our financial condition is, in our view, comfortable at present. Our operating bank account fluctuates around approximately \$300. Beyond this account, we maintain a “building fund” which continues to grow. Hopefully, we will some day be able to purchase some modest quarters of our own for our meeting.

We regularly support the project of a small local church that brings federal subsidies and Second Harvest foods into our area to help feed the needy.

On the last FD of each month we hold a “pot luck” gathering following our meeting for worship. This gathering regularly attracts an attendance of about a dozen people. Before and during the “pot luck”, attender Jane Driber holds an intergenerational instructional session concerning some aspect of Friends’ religious thought.

The combined number of our members and attenders in our meeting has remained fairly steady at about a dozen over the past several years.

ST. LOUIS

This has been a growth year for us, in many ways, as we wrestled with difficult issues, and sought God’s guidance and support. The business of the Meeting has been dominated by one central issue, which at times seemed to have no possible solution. An attender had revealed to us his history of sexual abuse of children, along with his determination to live a new life, and his desire to grow spiritually in our Meeting community. We struggled to find God’s leading for us, mindful of our vulnerable, trusting children, of our adults still scarred from their own childhood experience of abuse, of parents desiring to eliminate any risk of harm, and of our sense of responsibility toward, and love for, the ex-offender. Many in our community saw obvious solutions, and did not understand at first why we couldn’t come to an immediate decision. Some interpreted our inability to unite with their view as a lack of caring for them as individuals, or as a lack of caring for a particular group of people within the Meeting. We sought help from a local professional outside the Meeting, and from our IYM Field Secretary and our Ministry and Advancement visitor. Individuals and committees spent countless hours reaching out, listening, encouraging, trying to help everyone feel that they were involved in the process—that no individual and no view was being rejected. Some statements, such as the fact that we are fundamentally committed to safety for our children, had to be repeated many times, as emotions made it difficult to hear. For a good part of the year we held two First Day meetings for worship. This produced an unwanted separation,

which led to tension that diminished our sense of covering by the Spirit. It was the most painful time in the history of our Meeting.

And yet, we have seen again the truth that the hardest, most painful things we do can be the greatest occasions for spiritual growth. In spite of our fear, we had to walk through darkness, relying on faith. We found our faith growing to meet our need. We ran out of energy, and found our strength renewed. We lost patience, and found a fresh supply of love to replace it. Frustration and compassion danced with each other, as we waited for God to draw us together, and toward a decision. Love was expressed even in the face of disagreement. We relearned the process of faith, perhaps the greatest gift, and for many a great healing, a change of heart, was experienced. And we experienced, many times, the miracle of the gathered meeting for worship with a concern for business. Out of the darkness, our Meeting emerged a stronger, kinder, much more aware group dedicated to the principles and testimonies of our Quaker faith. This was a most difficult process and yet the evidence of Spirit moving through our hearts was clear.

As of this writing, we have a system in place to maximize safety and to provide avenues for worshiping and working together as we support the recovering offender. We expect that adjustments may be needed in the future; at present, we are doing what God has led us to do. We also feel a strong bond among us, as we submitted ourselves to holy discipline together, and found ourselves lifted by grace and love. Although a few members have remained uncomfortable with Meeting's decision and have stopped attending, members continue to hold them in the Light and reach out to them so they will remember always they are still part of Meeting.

Since the reunification of the meeting in October, the sense of unity in corporate worship has been growing. The two streams brought together form a mighty river. Friends report feeling a palpable presence when they walk into a meeting. Vocal ministry has been distributed widely among members and attenders alike. The genuineness of the leading is evidenced in the resonance that the messages find among Friends, and in the way messages build on one another.

Recovering, as one does after a mighty storm, we are faced now with resuming everyday activities and concerns of the Meeting. This may take more time, but we have learned that though the way is not always clear, through faith, a way will be made.

We met our budget with a struggle, while laying a foundation for better financial health. We determined that not all Friends or attenders are contributing financially. The budget has been presented to the community with a suggestion of what is required on an individual basis to satisfy budgetary needs. We understand that not all Friends are able to contribute to this financial level; in fact, a few may be in need themselves. We recognize that they contribute in other ways which are beneficial to the community, including their prayerful presence and adherence to our community.

The work of the Meeting is upheld by most of our members and attenders. We do see some difficulty in getting volunteers for on-going tasks, while one-time needs are more easily filled. This may be due in part to the heavy work encountered this year. Nevertheless, the Spirit has prevailed within the community and the tasks have been accomplished.

Community outreach has brought a welcome influx of new people—many of them gay or lesbian-identified. After the events of September 11, we saw new attenders who seemed to be seeking a haven of peace and a sense of direction. We need to be a people alive in the Spirit that people can connect with, as well as being examples of individuals living a life in the Spirit.

An upsurge in spiritual vitality is manifested physically in five Friendly Dozens groups and six Spiritual Direction groups. The vitality generated within these groups is increasing the strength of our community of Friends. Quakerism 101 and an adult reading group have begun. Our First Day School has revised and strengthened its curriculum. Our Peace Committee works with the local AFSC office and with other organizations to mitigate the current world violence. Friends continue to lead Alternatives to Violence workshops in a local

prison. St. Louis Friends have participated in AFSC-Intermountain Yearly Meeting sponsored workcamps among the Lakota in South Dakota, and in Mexico, and one Friend continues major involvement in Friends Peace Teams in Africa. We have scheduled our fourth annual John Calvi healing workshop for next fall.

There is still much work to be accomplished. Understanding of our history, the testimonies, and how we may apply this knowledge to our present lives needs greater emphasis. There is a hunger in those newly drawn to Meeting, and not quite enough “cooks.” What is helpful is that members continue to shine, and thus illuminate a way for others to follow. Evangelization is not necessarily the route Friends would take in the larger community, but truly we can continue to express our love and joy completely so those in the larger community may seek out the Source of the peace we know and express. There is a great need in today’s world not only to speak out, but to live as well, the alternatives to the use of force and the power of fear, hate and ignorance.

SOUTH BEND

In August of last year our meeting was asked to leave its home of three years. St. Paul’s United Methodist Church, the urban church where we had been meeting, has recently rejuvenated its congregation and needed its space for pre-church activities. Therefore a temporary space was found quickly in the Charles Martin Youth Center. For the first time we have a small space of our own where we can keep our few belongings and conduct first day school. Meeting for worship is held in an auditorium where each Sunday the space needs to be set up before meeting and taken down afterwards. However, we have access to a commercial-sized kitchen for coffee hour and potlucks along with another room that allows us to have separate first day school sessions for our older children. Best of all, no one else uses the building when we are there!

Shortly after the move, a possibility for a more permanent home arose for our consideration. The owners of a building that was to be moved (called the South Bend Remedy Building) had planned no particular use for its brand new basement. We could design the floor plan to suit our needs but we would have to provide the labor and/or cash for finishing it. This situation was a challenge to us in several ways. It made us consider some very practical aspects of what we wanted, and could afford, for our own space. The previous Spring we had a Saturday workshop to consider, theoretically, what each of us envisioned if we could have a space of our own. Now we had an opportunity to apply the procedures that Martha Turner had exposed us to in her newly-developed Quaker Process curriculum. The Fall was taken up with a number of meetings addressing the suitability of the potential situation, and we finally agreed to continue with the negotiations for this space. However, since the building has not yet been moved, the issue has been put on hold.

Attendance at the South Bend Friends Meeting has varied between 8 and 36 adults and children, with an average between 15 to 20. We are generally a quiet meeting: the value of the ministry is in its quality, not its quantity. The silence is strong and helps the meeting community continue to become better acquainted with each other. We are sad to say goodbye to the Millers – Tom, Helga, Carl and Colleen have moved to Wisconsin. We are at the same time glad to welcome back Michael Quintero and Marsha Heck. We also welcome Tim Walls and his children and Tom and Denise Slaughter and their children who have transferred membership to our meeting.

First Day School for the older children has concentrated on discussions of controversial issues like war, prisons and terrorism – how the peace testimony applies to the world as we see it today. All of the children again participated in the Christmas Project with the children from the Children’s Campus, a residential facility where Sebrina Tingley has continued her ministry through her work at the KidCo site. Megyn Edmonson has joined Lena Karsakova in providing childcare during meeting for worship and meeting for business on the days when there is no First Day School.

There have been some special needs for some families and individuals for which we have tried to provide spiritual and practical support. These include extended job uncertainty, family crisis, illness and injury, death of a parent or a child. Support has been given communally and personally. Monica Tetzlaff appreciated help from the community when her husband had an accident that required a long healing process. The Hutchinsons continue to be in our thoughts as Cheryl works on the long rehabilitation from her debilitating illness. We held Martha Turner in the Light throughout the previous year and into this year as she made many trips to Texas to look after her father and finally to close his estate when he died. Many in the meeting sent support via email to Olin Zuercher at the time of his father's death. Particularly moving was the graveside service for Lena Karsakova's stillborn daughter. Having no religious community in the States, she and her husband asked us to provide a service after the manner of Friends but contributed to it with some of their Russian customs.

We are rich in diversity. All of us continue to search for ways in which we can grow in mutual respect as we come to understand our differences and weave them into the essence of a stronger community.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

The past year has seen the meeting maintain about the same number of attending members, although there continues to be a major concern about care for children and young Friends, something which has caused difficulties for some families. One means of addressing this problem was devised for the teen Friends with weekly walks and discussion of the *Rumi*, which allowed these young Friends to explore different aspects of philosophy with older Friends.

The events of September, 2001, clearly had an effect on the meeting, as many messages in the months since then have been about our role in this situation. The monthly discussion session, held the second First Day of each month, used this and other issues to stimulate dialogue between Friends.

Our potluck (First First Day of the month) continues to be very popular and is usually heavily attended because of the sense of camaraderie and fellowship that exists in these gatherings.

Bob Wixom recently visited our meeting and held a lively discussion about his conscientious objection to WW II. Many of our meeting are university professors and will share his information in various lectures. Another visitor will be Roxy Jacobs in November, and we look forward to her leading us in fellowship.

We finally note that a co-clerk of the Southern Illinois Meeting, Jayme Moore, has moved from Carbondale to northern Missouri. While we will miss Jayme, we wish her all the best in her new location.

URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

Urbana-Champaign Friends' situation this year is very similar to a year ago. We continue to come to decisions with one another relatively comfortably, and there have been many decisions. We believe we actually are close to breaking ground for our new meeting-house. We are fine-tuning plans and seeking the sense of the Meeting about what our priorities are in the space we can almost afford. Friends have given time, energy and, most importantly, patience to this undertaking.

Meanwhile, we continue to meet in a very pleasant room in the Illinois Disciples Foundation. After the usual summer decline in attendance our numbers have come back up. Space is not the best for First Day school, but the Wee Friends do not appear daunted by their environment. Presently our Tween Friends are few and our Teen Friends have left us for the Unitarian Universalists, where there are many teenagers and, therefore, much more fun. We hope that our new building will entice them back to us and also give the much-needed room in which these programs can grow.

The Fundraising Committee has worked very hard. They began by training people to make personal visits to members and attenders for pledges of support, both in dollars and in talent. They sent out letters, had a garage sale, and are still applying for grants. As of this writing over \$52,000 has been donated or pledged. This is a good beginning in our effort to raise \$100,000.

Peace and Service has been extremely busy. In late Winter of 2001 Urbana-Champaign Friends made the decision to financially support the Campaign of Conscience. Our Meeting's involvement with this AFSC project had begun the previous year with P and S organizing several on-campus demonstrations advocating for the end to economic sanctions and bombing against Iraq. Also, P and S arranged several informational sessions about Iraq for the Meeting which led to the decision to commit corporate civil disobedience and join the Campaign of Conscience (though many Friends stood aside). Other projects worked on included support of charter school creation, signing a petition to US senators urging required waiting periods and background checks for gun purchases for private individuals at gun shows, and signing a petition requesting a citizen police board for the city of Urbana. As they have for several years, P and S continued to sponsor the Friday Forum Series held at the University YMCA. Peace and Service spent most of the Fall organizing a six-week workshop on non-violence and conscientious objection. The workshop was titled, "Living Your Principles" and included viewing and discussing the PBS series on nonviolence, "A Force More Powerful" and Paradigm Production's "The Good War and Those Who Refused to Fight It." Peace and Service was joined by the Channing Murray Foundation, Church of the Brethren, University YMCA, Illinois Disciples Foundation, the Independent Media Center, Vietnam Veterans Against the War, and the School for Designing Society to organize the series. It was very gratifying to have these varied groups all come together for this cause. The series was well received. In response to 9-11 P and S wrote a pamphlet called "10 Frequently Asked Questions and Answers about Terrorism" which they distributed throughout the community.

Our little gremlins may be few, but they managed to raise \$60 Trick or Treating for UNICEF. Our money went for children's relief in Afghanistan. Other outings for our smallest Friends included an Easter egg hunt, strawberry picking (which turned out to be just strawberry eating) and joining the adults for Christmas caroling at the Champaign County Nursing Home. They also met one on one with their "Special Friend"; a program pairing each young Friend with a not so young Friend to foster intergenerational activity, understanding and just plain fun.

The annual Peace Bazaar, held in conjunction with the Community United Church of Christ, had another record-breaking year. Approximately \$3000 was raised with the proceeds going to the Eastern Illinois Foodbank, Empty Tomb, the BOAST Academy after-school program, Oxfam, relief for Afghan children through UNICEF, and the Church World Service landmine eradication program. Several local stores and individual artists donated goods which—added to our collection of almost antiques and other interesting outgrown, already read, never used or just ready to let it go items—made for the best Christmas shopping in town.

Adult Religious Education's Sunday morning study group finished with the parables and moved on to the *Tao Te Ching*, a new English version with forward and notes by Stephen Mitchell. Currently we are reading Matthew Fox's *Passion for Creation, the Earth: Honoring Spirituality of Meister Eckhart*. It has been rewarding for all of us, but because of the difficulty of attending before meeting, we will probably be moving to a weeknight so more Friends can share this experience.

Blue River Quarterly's program planning fell to us this fall. In the words of the adult program planner, Mariellen Gilpin, "Nothing seemed to go according to plan but it all seemed to go well." People wanted to talk about the war, so the program became role-playing conversations with people in favor of the war. The children presented a skit on how

Jesus would resolve conflicts they see in their own lives. They used interesting props in imaginative ways.

The spiritual discernment group continues to meet on a nearly-monthly basis. We are only four in number now but hope to start new groups eventually. It has been such a wonderful way to get to know each other and ourselves that we hope others can experience it also.

Mariellen Gilpin continues to be on the editorial committee of *What Canst Thou Say?* – a small newsletter on Quakers, mysticism and contemplative living. This year her issue's theme for last August was "Forgiveness." This August she takes a look at "God's Marvelous Workarounds," recommended reading for all of us.

We welcomed new members Ian Hanson and Terri Mittenthal, and new attenders Cindy, Cory and Conner Ching and Jim Watkins.

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2003 Paul Schobernd,
2004 Linda Sizemore,
2005 Carol Bartles,
2005 Dawn Rubbert,

ASSOCIATED COMMITTEE OF FRIENDS ON INDIAN AFFAIRS
2005 Grayce Mesner,

FRIENDS ASSOCIATION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION
2005 Patricia Monaghan,

FRIENDS COMMITTEE ON UNITY WITH NATURE: 1 or 2 Representatives
2005 Bob Wixom,

FRIENDS COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL LEGISLATION: 6 Representatives
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2003 Lorena Jeanne Tinker,
2003 Allen Treadway,
2004 David Westling,
2005 Tom Dix,
2005 Matthew Smith,

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2004 Colleen Reardon,

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Olney Friends School:

2005 Grayce Mesner,

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2003 YEARLY MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES:

Friends Under Nineteen & Recreation: Chicago North

Food and Adult Program: Chicago South

Site Preparation/Housekeeping/Cleanup: Blue River Quarterly

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TRAVEL POLICY

Friends are not to be hindered from traveling on IYM business as official representatives or committee members due to lack of funds. However, in view of the limited amount of funds available in the budget for this purpose, the Travel Fund should be used according to the following guidelines:

1. Requests for travel funds should be made well in advance to the Treasurer.
2. The amount to be advanced or reimbursed is based on the current IRS business rate per automobile mile (34.5 cents per mile in 2001) or reasonable commercial fares. Friends are encouraged to be prudent.
3. Conference registration fees may be reimbursed.
4. Any ordinary expenses for food or lodging may be reimbursed.
5. Questions of travel reimbursement for committee business should be cleared through that committee in advance of the travel and reported to the Treasurer.
6. Friends World Committee for Consultation Triennial travel will be handled from its own fund.

RATES FOR USE OF IYM FACILITIES

Facilities are available April 15—October 15

Site fee for IYM groups:	\$ 25
Site fee for non-IYM groups:	\$ 50
Fee per person, per night:	\$ 5
Maximum fee per IYM group:	\$500
Gas and electric startup fee, and dumpster fee (at cost, according to size) if necessary.	